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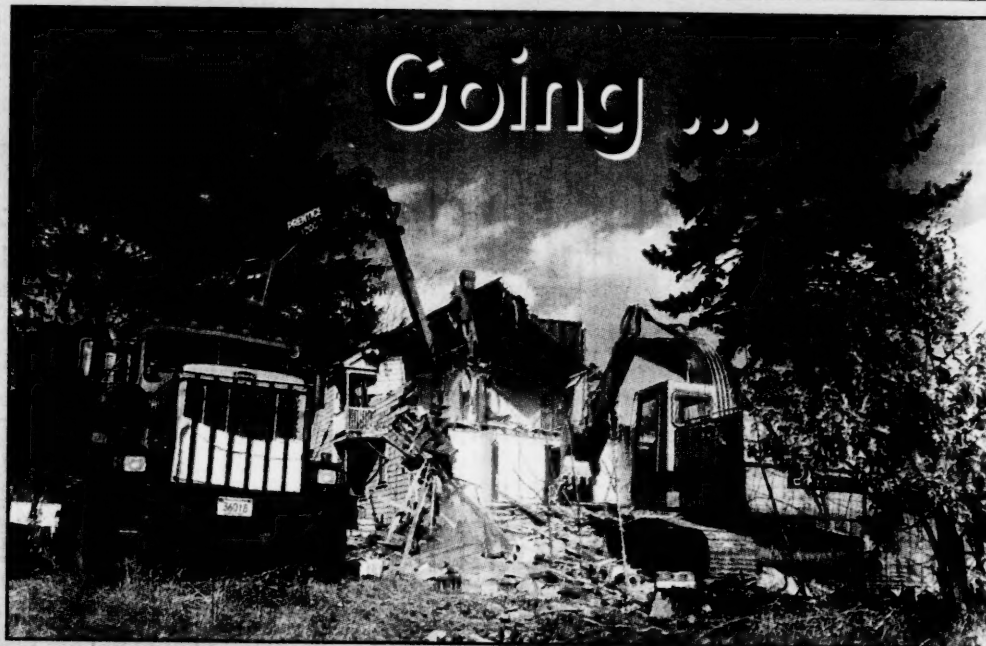
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End of an era — The old barn at the former Morris Krinsky junkyard, at the corner of Park and Florence streets, came down in 1996 (top), but Krinsky's former home was demolished this past week, to make way for a new office building. The property is owned by local realtor Tom Carroll and several partners. The anchor tenant in the new building will be Re/Max Preferred Inc.

Cell tower appeal may head to court

By Rebecca Lipchitz

While residents of the Shepley Street neighborhood in Andover may have so far failed to force the removal of a nearby cellular phone tower, they hope to prevent other cell towers from sprouting up without notice.

Shepley Street resident Patricia Scarborough, who has led the fight to have the Nextel cell tower on Union Street in South Lawrence removed, worked with state Rep. Barry Finegold (D-Andover) and state Senator Sue Tucker (D-Andover) in creating a proposal for tougher cell tower regulations.

The Lawrence Zoning Appeals Board recently denied Scarborough's appeal to have the tower removed.

Shepley Street residents in Andover argue that they weren't legally notified of the proposal to erect a cell tower, and were denied opportunity for public input on the project. They also argue that the 100-foot tower's height needed special permits that Nextel did

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\$32M sought for sewers

By Neil Fater

As Andover asks April Town Meeting to approve more than \$32 million for two sewer projects, its hired consultants may still be compiling information for a mandatory state Environmental Impact Report.

The state secretary of environmental affairs will reveal how detailed this report must be next Tuesday, Jan. 19. But no matter what the scope, Ralph Souppa, of consultant Camp Dresser & McKee, says it will take his company an absolute minimum of three months to complete the EIR.

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Andover has asked for a waiver, to avoid doing the EIR, but state environmental analyst Dick Foster says he doubts it will be granted.

"The secretary rarely grants waivers for projects that exceed or meet the restrictions for an EIR," says Foster. "It has to be an unusual cir-

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A royal moment — The Kolchinsky family of Andover, including (from left) Alex, Evelina and their sons Joseph and Peter, posed here at the Old Royal Palace Square in Kathmandu, Nepal. The family strives to take educational vacations.

A learning vacation

Before Evelina Kolchinsky returned from her vacation this winter, she looked forward to walking into Starbucks on Main Street. But when she finally got there, she couldn't quite get herself to order her regular cup of coffee, at least on the first try.

She and her family returned Jan. 1 from a two-week trip to Nepal. The luxurious atmosphere of Starbucks that once seemed a normal part of everyday life in Andover suddenly seemed wasteful to her.

She has since returned to her favorite coffee bar, but doubts she will ever be the same. But the trip was designed to have such an effect, she says.

Their family vacations are meant to be educational rather than recreational, she says. Rather than opt for a packaged tour through a travel agency, the Kolchinsky family insists on seeing the culture that isn't part of a package deal. Evelina, her husband Alexander and their sons Peter, 22, and Joseph, 15, embarked on a trek through the mountains of Nepal. The returned with videotapes of Mount Everest, miraculous sunrises and waterfalls, and footage of children weaving rugs for pay of no more than 12 cents a day.

The bare-bones trip was an

exercise in survival, just the way they wanted it, Evelina says. Her older son, Peter, now earning his Ph.D. in biology at Harvard, knew how the family struggled when he was young, but Joseph, a ninth-grader at the Pike School, has led the privileged life of an Andoverite, his mother says. So on these vacations, he has seen how people in other parts of the world live.

"He knows there is Cape Cod seacoast camp, and he knows backpacking on \$10 a day," Evelina says. While the family could afford to travel with more comfortable accommodations, they choose not to, most of the time. "It's also so they know living with adventure doesn't have to mean living on an Andover budget," Evelina says.

They organized their own trip and linked trails featured in the Lonely Planet guide on Nepal. Via Internet, they found an agency in Katmandu, the capital city of Nepal, that agreed to guide them along their chosen trail.

When it comes to travel, the Kolchinskys are tough customers. They emigrated from Russia to America 20 years ago, and have traveled the world since on trips including China,

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NEWS IN BRIEF

It looks like three for the show

Three selectman candidates may prove to be the "crowd" on the town ballot this March.

After considering a run for office, Ted Teichert, president of Andover Junior Football, has decided to stay on the sidelines. Teichert moved to Andover just after Christmas.

His decision leaves incumbent Chairman Bill Downs, former Andover school administrator Mary French, and Andover attorney Thomas Collins as the only people who have declared they will run for selectman. Each has taken out the necessary paperwork from the town clerk's office.

Although Teichert won't be a part of the 1999 electoral season, it appears he

may prepare a game plan for a future campaign.

"I'm not going to run this year, but watch for next year," he says. "I want to do it. There's a very good chance I'd do it in the future."

Teichert cited personal reasons and timing for his decision not to run in 1999.

Former Community Services coordinator Peg Campbell has also said she may run for selectman in the future.

In other races, long-time moderator Jim Doherty has returned his papers and his signatures have been certified. Candidates for office must collect, and the town clerk must certify, 50 signatures of registered voters for a candidate to appear on the ballot.

Incumbent Eric Nadworny and challenger Robert Coffill, of Quail Run, have taken out papers to run for School Committee.

Housing Authority incumbent Jim Cuticchia has returned his papers, but they had not been certified as of Tuesday.

People wanting to appear on the March 1999 ballot must take out and return papers to the town clerk's office by Feb. 2 at 5 p.m.

— Neil Fater

Town warrant is open

The Town Clerk's office reminds residents that the final date to file private warrant articles with the Town Clerk for the annual Town Meeting is Friday, Jan. 22, at 4:30 p.m. Town Meeting scheduled for April 26, 27 and May 10, 1999.

Call the Town Clerk's Office at 623-8200 for information on how to obtain warrant article forms, or stop by the office Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The town election will be held Tuesday, March 23, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. All precincts will vote at the Andover High School Gymnasium Complex.

Property taxes due Feb. 1

The town of Andover has mailed the actual tax bills for Fiscal Year 1999. Payment is due Monday, Feb. 1. Taxes unpaid after that date are subject to interest charges of 14 percent.

Questions about property valuations and appeal procedures should be directed to the Assessors office. Applications for abatements must be received by 7:30 p.m. Feb. 1. The Town Offices at 36 Bartlett St. are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Payments can be mailed in the envelope provided or dropped in the white mailbox with the blue Town of Andover seal in front of Town Offices.

The Assessors Office and Tax Collectors Office will be open Monday evening, Feb. 1, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. If you have not received a bill or have questions, call Town Offices at 623-8200.

Quote, unquote . . .

"I would have liked to have gone but I couldn't throw it into my schedule at the last minute like that. Especially for a project of this magnitude, there are questions that I want to have answered."

Selectman Brian Major, commenting on a hearing on the town's proposed two major sewer projects, held at 2 p.m. Monday.

"The reason we're having all these hearings is that nothing is set in cement."

Planning Board member Paul Salafia, on residents' fears that the proposed Main Street project will proceed without enough public discussion.

"It's not meant to be oppressive. This is going to be a community thing."

Preservation Committee Chairman Karen Herman, on the proposed historic district in Shawsheen Village.

NEWS CALENDAR

Thursday, January 14

School Committee, public forum to discuss short-term space needs, School Committee room, School Administration Building, 6:30 p.m.

Andover Housing Authority, 256 North Main Street, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, January 19

Andover High School Council, high school library, 6 p.m.

School Committee, School Committee Room, School Administration Building, executive session, 6:30 p.m., regular meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, January 20

Finance Committee, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

Andover Recycling Committee, second-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

Shawsheen District Study Committee, Shawsheen School faculty room, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, January 25

Commission on Disabilities, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7 p.m.

Selectmen, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 26

Planning Board, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

School Committee, budget workshop, School Committee Room, School Administration Building, 7 p.m.

West Middle School Council, West Middle School media center, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 27

Local AFT 1707 negotiating subcommittee, executive session, Greater Lawrence Technical High School, 57 River Road, 4 p.m.

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Malaysia, and Polynesia.

From Kathmandu they flew through the mountains and saw Mount Everest. Their trek through Nepal included a 50-mile, six day walk (six to eight hours of walking a day) from Nayanpul, a village outside Pokhara to Predy. The narrow mountain paths were rich with waterfalls and Rhododendron trees, and well traveled by traders with packs of donkeys.

The donkeys wore large, loud bells to alert trekkers as they approached. Anyone walking on the trail would have to step aside quickly to let the animals pass, and step aside away from the cliff, Evelina says. The packs of animals also

earned part of the trail the name of "ammonia way."

The poverty and pollution in Kathmandu was surprising, Alexander says.

"It's as if we had the opportunity to look at our life 300 years ago. For us, it was a tremendous contrast," Alexander says.

But the scenery was equally so, they say.

One morning they set out at 4 a.m. to reach the top of Poon Hill to see a spectacular sunrise.

They hiked more than 450 meters up within an hour, and the trail was so steep, their knees often bumped their chins, Joseph says.

"I was fine the rest of the trip, but I was tired after that," Joseph says.

Evelina saw paintings of this very sunrise as a child, and didn't believe the snow-capped mountain could be so pink in the sunlight, but it turned out to be true.

"It wasn't just one pink. The colors were changing every second until the yolk of a sun glides up into the sky," she says.

The choice to visit Nepal was an easy one after a trip to Indonesia. Evelina describes seeing a customarily bare-chested woman bearing a ring of flowers and a cell phone; she was a real estate agent.

"I thought, 'The world is changing, and fast,'" she says. Then she decided the family trip would be to Nepal rather than Japan.

They had some advantage in trip planning through Alexander's frequent flyers miles. He travels often on business. He and Evelina run Dynamic ReSolutions, Inc., an electrical engineering company they started from the basement of their Andover home in 1993. They still live on Powers Road in Andover, but their company is now based in North Andover, Evelina says.

— Rebecca Lipchitz

Spontaneous hero

Andover mother Abby Martin wasn't planning to be a hero when she set out go shopping last Tuesday.

But when she saw cars on Route

495 pulling over, and their drivers running across the highway into the woods, she figured something must be going on, and stopped to find out.

A man running up the hill through the woods looked over his shoulder as Martin got out of her car, and yelled back that a plane had crashed.

Martin immediately grabbed some blankets and headed into the woods behind him.

Martin and Todd Lyons, a truck driver from Rome, Penn., were among the first people at the scene of the crash, before emergency personnel arrived. The small plane had struck the side of a building in the Pride's Crossing condominium complex in Methuen.

The pilot and three passengers were injured when their plane, which had just taken off from the Lawrence Municipal Airport, turned back toward the airport and crashed into the building.

The pilot, Douglas Huggan of Methuen, was out for a brief joyride with his father, Gerald Huggan, of Methuen, and his brother-in-law, James Fredette, of Haverhill, and Fredette's son, Aaron, 4.

At the scene, Martin and Lyons saw that the passengers inside the plane, trapped upside down in the wreck, included one person with very small feet.

"We were amazed to see people were still alive, but when we saw the shoes of a small kid, we knew we had to do something. There was a lot going on at once," Martin says.

Lyons says he was hesitant to take the passengers out of the plane for fear of hurting them further, but decided to step in when he saw the child.

Lyons, 34, is a father of four. From what he could see, the child in the plane was strapped in with his father.

"If it were me, and I could talk, I would have said 'Get my kid out,'" Lyons says, so he got to work tearing the door off the plane and flipping switches to avoid an electrical fire. When police arrived he helped hold up the wing of the plane while victims were removed.

Lyons says he was disappointed at some

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of the local residents who stood watching the wreck, and that some residents later said in a television interview that they were upset that their property and homes could have been damaged.

"There was total disregard for other peoples lives. Property can be replaced by insurance," Lyons says.

Amid the confusion, Martin says her goal was to keep the victims calm and warm.

She helped the pilot's wife, who saw from the airport that the plane had gone down, find a police cruiser that would take her to the hospital where her husband would be taken.

"She was pretty distraught. They could see that it was bad," Martin says.

Lyons credits Martin with quick thinking. When he yelled to her that a plane had crashed, she grabbed blankets. When Lyons saw the plane crash as he pulled over his truck on Route 495, he jumped out and ran to the scene, but didn't think to bring the fire extinguisher that sat on the front seat of his truck.

"She had the presence of mind to think what to do. If the plane had exploded, she would have been in the middle of it, and as people were taken out of the plane she was wrapping blankets around them," Lyons says. "She was amazing."

Martin has lived in Andover for seven years. She is the mother of two boys who were not with her at the time of the crash.

Lyons has been driving for Schneider National Trucking for five months.

—Rebecca Lipchitz

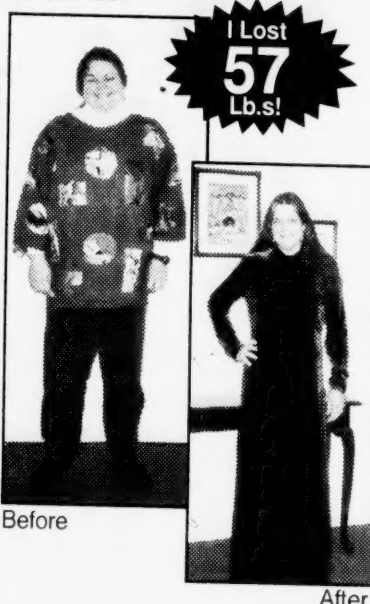
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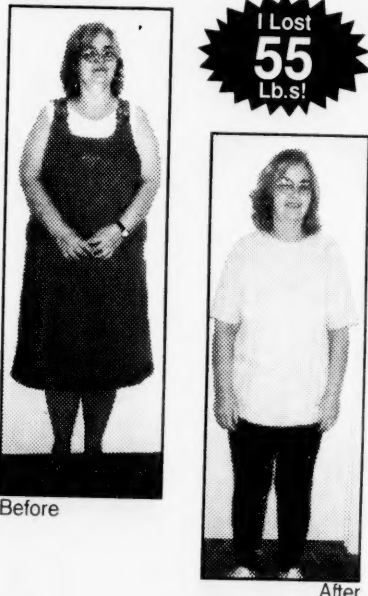
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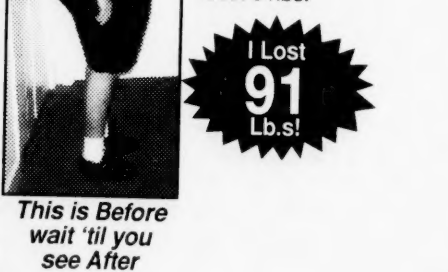
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More hearings planned

Officials welcome feedback on Main Street plan

By Taylor Armerding

Andover Planning Board Chairman Michael Miller said at a Dec. 16 hearing on proposed improvements to Main Street that the board would continue to hold monthly hearings, and would welcome feedback from all constituencies.

It is clear that he's getting it from at least one direction. In a letter to the planners, also addressed to Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski and the Board of Selectmen, the Spade and

Trowel and Village Garden clubs raised nine objections to both the process and the plans (See Letters, page 9).

The letter was actually sent just prior to the Dec. 16 meeting, but was furnished to the *Townsmen* this past week. "We still think the issues are very relevant," says Village Garden Club president Helen Watkinson, "and we wanted to get them into public view."

It appears that at least two of the objections raised in the letter will be resolved. The groups

complained about a lack of notice and inconvenient times for the first two hearings, and asked for more. Miller said Dec. 16, and said again this past week that the board will hold multiple hearings

during the first several months of 1999. No date has been set for the next meeting yet, but Miller said it would probably be in early February.

But the group also had other concerns about the plans. In their view:

- Cutting mature trees and replacing them with saplings "downgrades" the street;
- The proposed work might benefit consultants and contractors more than the town, and two years of construction might encourage shoppers to go to competing malls;
- A proposed bicycle lane is "fraught with danger," and also might drive shoppers away;
- The project tends to favor auto and bicycle traffic, not pedestrians;
- The grant money pays only for traffic improvements, not "human amenities";
- A proposed loading zone would "greatly deface the area"; and
- The proposed taking of a section of sidewalk is "offensive and unattractive."

Both Miller and fellow board member Paul Salafia, whose business is on South Main Street, say they think the points raised by the groups are good ones.

And they both say there will be plenty of time for those issues to be fully aired. "This is all very preliminary," Salafia says. "Nobody should get in a twist about (the plan). The reason we're having all these hearings is that nothing is set in cement."

He says the board agrees philosophically with a number of the points made in the letter, including the removal of trees. "If we can save trees, we absolutely will," he says. "To take out mature trees goes against anything we've ever done."

Miller says outside of the request for more hearings, most of the issues raised in the letter should be addressed to the consultant, Andover resident David Giangrande, through the town manager. Giangrande wrote the grant, and provided the preliminary design now under discussion.



Miller — try for coordination.



Stapczynski — good points.

The Planning Board's role, Miller says, should be to try to coordinate the other "amenities" sought by residents with the construction covered by the grant.

"It may be best to slow

things down," he says, "so we can coordinate. If we're talking about changes to lighting, it makes sense to run the wiring for something like that while the street is torn up."

Regarding some of the specific points raised by the clubs, Town Manager Stapczynski says some of the trees earmarked for removal "may not be the strongest or healthiest trees anyway." But he adds that any replacements will definitely not be "generic," as the garden clubs fear, and notes that Jack O'Donnell, superintendent of cemeteries, forestry, parks and grounds, has recommended an underground irrigation system for trees in the area as part of the project.

O'Donnell says most of the mature maples will be untouched by the project, and adds if larger trees are removed, "we won't be replacing them with saplings."

"We don't even know for sure which trees going to be taken, but we would certainly put trees back in with similar nature of what we have now. There's a section of the street that has Bradford pears. That's what we'll put, if that's what people want," he says.

Stapczynski says he shares the concern about disruptions during construction, but says the project would cover "two construction seasons, or about nine months of each year," and says Giangrande, who wrote the grant, has worked on projects that were more disruptive, "and the businesses were able to stay open."

The manager says town officials agree that a bike path should not be a part of the project, and have applied for a waiver to eliminate it. "But the state has a priority of being friendly to bikes," he says, "and it requires that it (bike paths) be at least considered as a starting point."

He agrees that "human amenities" are important, and hopes to include those in the overall project. And he says the proposed loading zone is just in one small area, to keep trucks from "gumming up traffic" on the street, as they do now.

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A civil premiere

The world premiere last Wednesday night of *A Civil Action*, Hollywood's treatment of the Jonathan Harr book about the Woburn chemical



Steve Stapinski

spill case, brought some good news and bad news to local businessman and sometime bit-part actor Steve Stapinski.

Stapinski runs Merri-mack Engineering Services and also chairs the Andover Chamber of Commerce, but on the side he has worked as an extra or bit-part actor in films ranging from *The Crucible* to *Good Will Hunting*.

He spent a couple of days filming for *A Civil Action*, but after seeing the movie on its opening night, he says both of the scenes he played were cut, except for a couple of seconds.

But the good news was, he still liked the film, he got to attend the premiere, he got to shake actor Robert Duvall's hand, and he got star John Travolta to autograph the video cover of *Grease*, the 1977 movie starring Travolta and Olivia Newton-John. The autograph was for his daughter, Diana, 13.

"I loved the film," he says,

"although it was a lot more serious than I thought it was going to be. My favorite lawyer film is *The Verdict*, so I tend to compare everything to that. But that was more about Paul Newman's character, and this was more about kids, the environment, things like that."

Stapinski says he worked for more than 12 hours on a scene in the Boston Public Garden, where Travolta, playing Andover attorney Jan Schlichtmann, and several other lawyers are celebrating a victory from a different case. Stapinski says he was supposed to be a Boston business person.

"They were sort of dancing on the bridge (over the duck pond)," he says, "and that whole thing, except for a couple of seconds, was cut."

On another day, the scene was of the Schlichtmann character interviewing workers in Northridge. Stapinski was playing a local resident who was just part of the background, "and that got cut as well."

Those cuts, he says, "really changed the character of the film. But that's what happens in movies. You can never tell how they're going to do things in post-production."

Both Travolta and Duvall were gracious, he says, chuckling about the fact that Travolta signed the cover of the *Grease* video "and then he kept my pen."

And while Travolta may have more star power, Stapinski says it was an honor to meet Duvall. "He's an actor's actor," he says.

— Taylor Armerding

Oil spill no threat, says expert

By Neil Fater

About 200 gallons of heating oil was spilled at Spring Grove Cemetery Saturday, and some of that oil may have traveled through a storm drain system into the Shawsheen River.

"Most likely, with the rain water Saturday night, that would be a logical conclusion, that some sheen did reach the river," says Glenn Goral, of Response Environmental, a licensed site professional approved by the state to clean such spills. "Clearly there's no evidence of oil (still) reaching the stream at this time."

Goral describes sheen as a "minute layer of oil" and says the bulk of the spill was contained Saturday night.

"At this time, there's no threat to public health or safety," says Goral, Wednesday morning. "There is no continuing source of release. That has been cleaned up. That was basically cleaned up, 99 percent, Saturday

night."

The spill, of Number 2 oil, occurred when McLellan, the company hired by the town to supply oil to its buildings at the cemetery overfilled the tank, say town officials. Health Director Everett Penney says normal storage tanks hold about 275 gallon of oil.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski says the company responded quickly, so that by the time he arrived at the site Saturday evening, the situation was well under control.

"It was an unfortunate incident, but they did what they had to do," he says.

Conservation agent Jim Greer says about half of the spilled oil remained in the building, while half was discharged into a pipe system and natural stream that runs out of the cemetery, under Abbot Street and toward the Shawsheen River.

Shawsheen lights headed for Town Meeting again

By Neil Fater

Still trying to get lights for nighttime sporting events like soccer at the Shawsheen fields, the town will return to Town Meeting with a warrant article specifically outlining that goal.

Town Meeting approved a 1996 article calling for "lighting and water for ice skating," but when Andover looked to install light towers for larger nighttime events, residents of the area rose up in protest. They said residents did not know they were voting for that at Town Meeting.

It appears Shawsheen residents may oppose this year's article too. However, if the article is approved, it will remove the argument that voters were misled.

"The Shawsheen residents' position remains consistent. The town originally proposed light for ice skating,"

says Dave McDermitt, of Balmoral Street. "At the 1996 Town Meeting there was no discussion or suggestion of other used for the lights. The town's attempt to erect Lawrence Stadium-like lights is both unethical and illegal."

"If the purpose of the (new) article is for any purpose other than lights for skating I believe Shawsheen residents would strongly oppose it," says McDermitt.

"This whole dispute could have been avoided if town officials had consulted with residents — with the community — regarding their real intentions," says McDermitt. "The town officials appear to be acting (again) without any consultation with Shawsheen residents. We believe that's a disturbing pattern that Andover residents in other neighborhoods should also be concerned about."

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Silence on sewers

One could hardly call the impending proposed sewer extensions in Andover a "stealth" project.

There were a half dozen articles on the warrant for last year's Town Meeting, most dealing with the design phase of improvements that have at least been in the public consciousness for years.

Still, given the size and cost of what is proposed, there has been remarkably little discussion about it during the past year. This is a construction project that will affect 31 miles of Andover streets — vastly more than the proposed Main Street improvements, which are now going to be the topic of monthly public hearings.

At about \$32 million, it will cost millions more than the two schools the town hopes to build at Cross Street and High Plain Road. The schools proposal, quite properly, was on the table at numerous meetings for public discussion and debate during the past year.

By contrast, there has been almost dead silence about the sewers.

This past Monday was Exhibit A for how little public involvement there has been. The state held a meeting, ostensibly to collect public comments about the proposed projects. There was no publicity other than a legal advertisement published a few weeks earlier. It was held at 2 p.m., when most people are working, at the water treatment plant.

Even members of the Board of Selectmen didn't know about the meeting until the last minute, and one of them had to hear about it from a constituent.

True, sewers are not necessarily in the same league as educating children. People assume that if the experts say they're necessary, then they're necessary, and that those who construct them know what they're doing. So what's to debate?

Well, the extent of these projects could affect the pace and extent of other kinds of development in town for years to come. And most reasonable people would agree that it's a good idea to at least understand clearly how \$32 million in taxpayer money is about to be spent.

While the formal deadline for comments to the state may have passed, it would be wise for the Board of Selectmen to schedule their own meeting, publicize it well, and pass their views and those of others on to the state.

At locally, the discussion that Selectman Brian Major wants to begin about whether to shift the burden of payment from sewer users to the entire town should begin immediately.

April is coming fast.

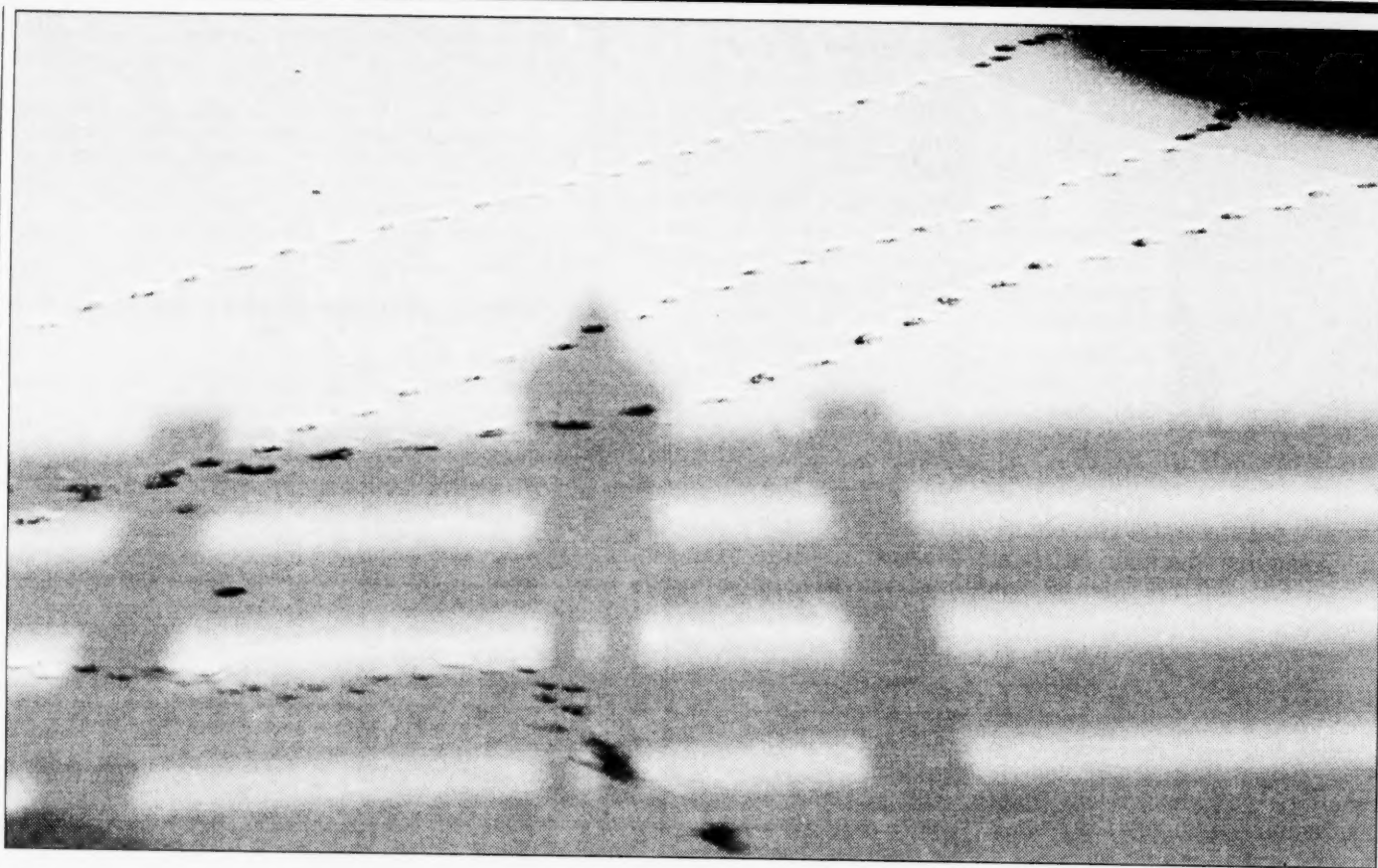


Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Tracks and shadows — The morning snow on Tuesday snarled auto traffic, but apparently didn't cause many problems for the ducks on the Shawsheen River, in the Ballardvale section of town.

Thanks, but no thanks to 'round-the-clock IRS



Taylor Armerding

It's nothing personal. I don't have any sort of grudge against the employees of the Internal Revenue Service, especially the several thousand who work in our fine American community of Andover.

I'm sure most of them get up and go to work just like the rest of us, trying to be good American citizens. I'm sure that, just like the rest of us, they're just trying to do a good job.

But I still can't help getting a little nervous, a little suspicious, even a little paranoid, when I get press releases like the one that landed on the desk this past week.

"Taxpayer help expanded for 1999 filing season," it says, right there in the headline. And then, in the first couple of paragraphs, there's a nice, friendly quote from the district director saying "We want to make tax time easier for everyone. We're going the extra mile to make our people and our services available around-the-clock."

The release notes that the "empha-

sis on serving taxpayers represents the new direction for the IRS."

Uh, I guess I'm supposed to feel thankful for that. And again, I can't blame anybody for wanting to put a positive spin on whatever it is they're trying to promote. I suppose if some poor soul committed crimes against the high, classical arts and was sentenced to a year of listening to nothing but my bluegrass band, I'd send the guy a letter telling him how much fun it was going to be to have banjos and mandolins blasting in his ears for 12 months.

But I wouldn't really expect him to be convinced.

Likewise, I have to say I'm not really convinced that what I want is the IRS offering me around-the-clock "service," when that service is basically aimed at making it "easier" for me to send them my money. That sounds more like Big Brother than ever before.

It goes on, even more ominously. "We'll be here to help, regardless of the time of day or the day of the week," says the director. I can almost see the friendly smile on his face. "During this filing season, we'll never close."

Oh good. The tax collection agency that never sleeps, that has its hands in your pockets 24 hours a day.

I shouldn't be surprised, I guess. This is the era of, as one of my friends once put it, "stabbing somebody in the

back, and telling him you're just giving him acupuncture."

It's lifted right out of the play book of our president, who said during one of his campaigns that he thought it would be fair to "ask" the wealthy to pay more in taxes.

That's right, he used the word "ask." That sounds so much more friendly than "force" or "order," doesn't it? That's why he's such a consummate politician.

But of course he didn't mean "ask" at all. If he had, then everybody he asked to pay more would have had the option to refuse, since it was just a request, right?

The reality is that he's "asking" much the same way the Mob does, when it makes you an offer you can't refuse. In this case it's not a death threat, but if you refuse this request, there are fines and jail terms waiting to convince you that there's not much freedom of choice here.

So, I've decided to face reality — to get with the new program. I have to get ready for the new millennium or it's going to roll right over me. I can't beat them, so I'm going to join them. I'm going to take my pages from their play books.

And I figure, what better place to start than by making it easier for all of you out there to send money to me.

I believe I'm more deserving anyway. I'm not some faceless, monolith-

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Letters

Denigrating stereotypes

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I would like to thank Rebecca Lipchitz for her well-balanced article regarding the discussions within the community about the proposed Shawsheen Village Local Historic District bylaw ("History in the districting," *Townsmen*, Jan. 7).

It demonstrates a healthy response by those who would potentially be included in the district. Hopefully, people will continue to educate themselves before Town Meeting about how this bylaw would enable "the Village" to determine how it wants to look in the future, i.e. what historic elements, both architectural and aesthetic, would be deemed important enough to regulate through an historic district commission consisting primarily of Shawsheen Village neighbors.

I must, however, take issue with your editorial of Jan. 7, 1999. This historic district study committee has worked nearly two years since appointment by the Board of Selectmen to organize, educate themselves, hold regular open meetings, consult with professionals on the state and local level and communicate regularly with town officials and citizens.

To even suggest that this presents "hysterical behavior" insults anyone who volunteers their time to engage in such an intensive process which is intended to benefit the community in which they and we live. The historic district, in Ballardvale as well as any that may be created in Shawsheen Village, is not intended to be onerous, heavy-handed or arbitrary. It is intended to be a way in which we as a town can visually protect our historically important neighborhoods and keep them as the attractive and desirable places we enjoy as residents. The boundaries were created not by gerrymandering but by using the original National Historic Register District boundaries as a guideline.

I highly recommended that you, as the editor, attend their meetings and educate yourself before engaging in such unfortunate and denigrating

Go slow on Main Street plan

Editor, *Townsmen*:

This letter was sent to the town manager, Board of Selectmen, and Planning Board in December.

Writing for the 65 members of Spade and Trowel and Village garden clubs and several of their spouses as well, we the undersigned commend your concerns for making Andover's downtown a more inviting place as well as your efforts to improve Main Street. We would like to go on record concerning the proposed alterations to Main Street as follows:

1. The public deserves to be more informed about the benefits and hazards of proposed changes, and to have more voice in decisions. Holding meetings just before Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, and Christmas and informing only abutters does not engender trust.

2. The three garden clubs of Andover, whose members have created and actively cared for several Andover green spaces, should be consulted about the removal of any trees or replacement of same. Cutting 13 10- to 15-inch trees and replacing them with generic three-inch trees downgrades our main street. Several of our members are quite knowledgeable about landscaping and trees, and just might suggest new and more hardy or more appropriate varieties. Not only are local garden club members active citizens, they are interested in beautifying Andover with time, labor, and club money.

3. We understand that this project was written by a consultant, and feel it is being actively promoted by that firm for their own financial interests. What are the real benefits to the townspeople? Why the rush to vote? Isn't our business district already stressed? Do we need two years of upheaval and maybe time and cost overruns? Who pays then? This gives shoppers more time to make a habit of driving to malls, rather than patronize our town's central businesses.

4. The idea of a bicycle lane or perhaps two (one on each side of Main Street) is fraught with danger. Do drivers try to park, only to hit a cyclist oncoming? Or do senior drivers and passengers try to get out of cars only to be mowed down by cyclists? Where would the bike lane allowance come from — the traffic lanes or reducing the sidewalk width? Exactly how much would be taken? What is wrong with the existing bike lane on School Street, a much less congested street? Installing a bike lane(s) may drive more shoppers away from downtown than gain them.

5. The whole project seems to favor traffic — both auto and bicycle — not pedestrians. How many more traffic lights will be installed?

stereotyping. It is not constructive to the process.

Karen M. Herman, chair
Andover Preservation Commission

Historic districts are desirable

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Your description of a historical commission and its rules and regulations do not represent a true picture of the activities of a historical com-

mission. Andover can paint new safer crosswalks and can even install left-turn lanes if needed. Do we really need a grant — whose cream is skimmed off for consultant fees — full of restrictions, and not shopper friendly? The \$2.5 million sounds grand, but consider the negative impact on our fragile downtown's welfare. We need to do all we can to upgrade it, not spoil it.

6. This grant does not cover improvements in street lighting, benches, brick work, hanging baskets, and other amenities that might truly enhance the area and make it a more inviting place to visit for shopping, strolling, and eating. When one thinks of upscale towns such as Wellesley and Lexington, one thinks of human amenities, not traffic and bike lanes.

7. Consider the aesthetic value of our historic town hall and bricked courtyard in front. Notice shoppers and strollers enjoying the treed area. The idea of turning the street frontage into a loading zone to service businesses and removal of trees would greatly deface this area. These changes would turn a quaint New England town center into a barren city block.

8. We also deplore taking a considerable amount of any property's sidewalk even if it is public right of way. Isn't stepping out one's front door into traffic a greater hazard than having a safe sidewalk buffer zone. This also smacks of inner-city taking of land for more traffic. Whether it is across from Shawsheen Plaza or Wild Harvest, it is offensive and unattractive. And is it really necessary?

9. Please hold more public forums with adequate general advance notice in both local newspapers for more input and voice for the whole town. Notifying just the abutters as you have for the Nov. 24 and Dec. 16 meetings is too limited; this is a total town issue. Gather more ideas of ways to significantly improve our main street and business district. All of Andover is involved, not just the abutters or the businesses. If you have the townspeople with you, that will improve the town's health and foster growth in civic pride and feeling of ownership.

Otherwise you are selling our town to the consultants and to those who will profit financially. We do not have to accept this grant and sacrifice Andover's civic pride and welfare. We urge you, our representative government, to thoroughly consider the public's concerns before taking any action. Thank you.

Mary Arakelian, president
Spade and Trowel Garden Club
Helen A. Watkinson, president
Village Garden Club

and

To encourage new designs that are compatible with existing buildings in the district.

Our guidelines were developed after Town Meeting through a series of public neighborhood meetings. We sought out the opinions of those that live in Ballard Vale and incorporated them in the guidelines. The resulting guidelines focused on the needs of the Ballard Vale neighborhood.

Andover is a place people desire to live in because it has attractive and desirable neighborhood areas to live in. We believe that historic districts can be just one means by which to maintain that attractiveness for all.

Dennis Ingram, chair
Ballard Vale Historic District Commission

Tucker owes Andover a vote against plant

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Sue Tucker hasn't stated her position on the proposed power plant in Dracut, which would be sited directly across the Merrimack River opposite Andover, because, in her words, to do so "would close down communication with Dracut."

This is playing politics, pure and simple. Now I understand what it means to "play both sides of the fence."

Senator Jajuga and Representative Finegold came out in opposition immediately. Senator Jajuga has filed a bill to limit emissions within geographic areas, with specific intent to stop Constellation Power's proposed plant.

This plant is wrong for the Merrimack Valley. The EPA is struggling to figure out what to do with three "out-of-control" incinerators. We've got two major

highways that will only increase in emitting pollutants as time goes on. The Valley's ozone layer is in bad shape, and mercury levels are beginning to show up as excessive. Why bring in another source of contamination? I don't care how much money Dracut is going to make on this proposed plant. I don't want to expose my family to any more environmental hazards. Why should Andover bear the brunt of Dracut's financial gain?

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LETTERS

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We agree natural gas is cleaner than coal or oil. But the Merrimack Valley is doing its share. Two more smoke stacks are the last thing we need. There's no easy way to measure the cumulative effect of contaminants from these various sources. This plant needs to be sited elsewhere.

My wife and I voted for Senator Tucker. It's my understanding she owes her vote to Andover. She needs to take a clear stand. Andover and the Merrimack valley need her support on this issue. Our quality of life is at stake.

Tom Jordan
21 Inwood Lane

Power plant: Not a good neighbor

Editor, Townsman:

Constellation Power, a subsidiary of Baltimore Gas & Electric, is the company proposing the natural gas power plant in Dracut on the Andover and Methuen borders. After meeting their representatives at the first public hearing sessions in November, we're concerned about what kind of neighbor they'd make.

First, they scheduled the first public hearing on a Wednesday at 1 p.m., just before Thanksgiving. It was only after much outcry at the meeting that they reluctantly agreed to schedule a second session in the evening when more people could attend. According to Epsilon, the environmental consulting firm they hired, this was a "generous move on their part."

Secondly, they refused to formally notify the surrounding towns of upcoming hearings on the plant. Again, after much wrangling, it was Dracut that finally agreed to notify Andover and Methuen town halls.

Thirdly, they refused to create a

citizen's advocacy committee consisting of representatives from towns surrounding the plant, to be part of the formal review process on this project.

According to the current law, the facility proposing the plant has the authority to create a citizen's advisory committee when the environmental impacts from the facility are multiple and complex enough to influence the towns surrounding the town hosting the plant.

Given that the prevailing winds from this plant will bring the emissions directly over Andover, Lawrence, Methuen and North Andover, the fact that this plant is practically in Methuen (within 25 feet), that it will draw four million gallons a day of water from the Merrimack River (major water sources for Andover, Lawrence, and Methuen), and that it's being proposed in an area that is suffering impacts from three incinerators and two major highways, this decision seems unfair.

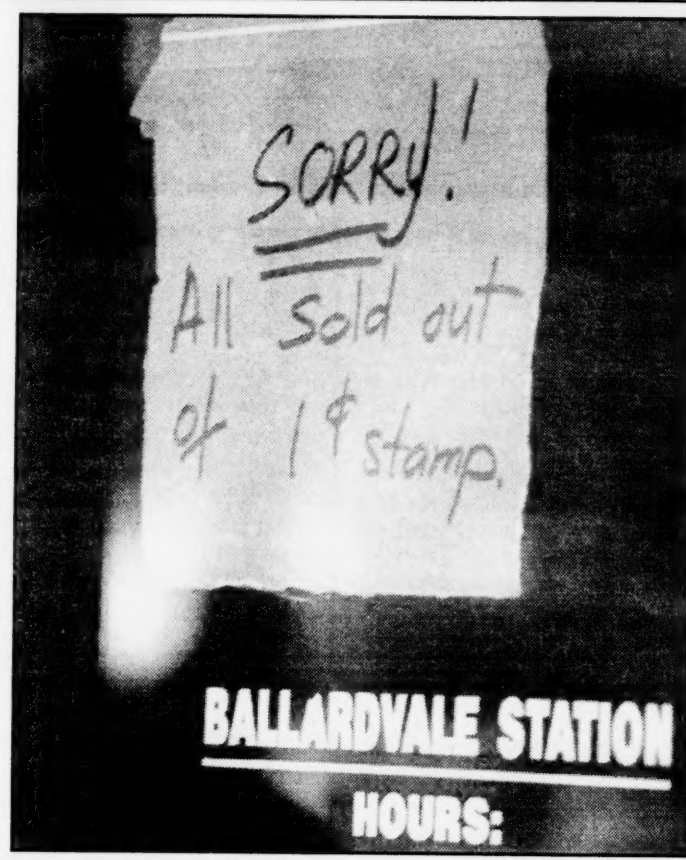
We've just sent a letter to the Attorney General's office asking them to investigate the policy of allowing host towns to put plants on town borders which gives the surrounding towns little legal recourse to stop them, yet leaves them with all the pollution and no revenues.

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(The writers are members of Merrimack Valley Residents for the Environment [MVRE], an Andover/Methuen-based group concerned about the plant.)

Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Stamped out — Customers of the U.S. Postal Service, already a bit miffed at a rate hike that many say is unnecessary, were further miffed earlier this week when the post office didn't have an adequate supply of one-cent stamps to add to everybody's left over 32-cent stamps. A clerk at the office at Old Town Hall said a new supply of the now-coveted one-cent stamps would be available Wednesday.



IRS ...

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ic, bureaucratic agency. Wouldn't you rather send your money to a real person — somebody in need of major financial assistance, as one quick look at my mugshot with this column will prove?

I'll promise right here that this money will be put to good use. It will be quickly injected into the American economy, to keep things humming along. It will help to provide jobs for the makers and sellers of vintage instruments, fine cars, cutting-edge clothing, high-end sound and video equipment and expensive homes. It should keep a number of restaurants in business as well.

As a kick-off for this campaign, I'm going to go the extra mile to make it easier than ever for you to send me your money. I'll have a toll-free line available 24 hours a day (1-800-MYBUCKS) with easy instructions in how to electronically transfer

money into my Swiss bank accounts, transfer your mutual funds to me, or to make me the sole beneficiary of your wills.

I'll be launching a Web page shortly, if you prefer online assistance in sending me your money. You're welcome to call at anytime, as well, as long as it's simply to find out how you can assist me in my quest to become financially independent at the expense of others.

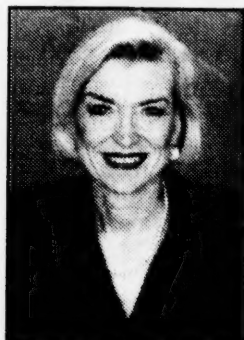
You'll have expanded opportunities for personal interaction as well, with a walk-in service. This will start out at the *Townsman*, but I'm hoping the campaign will be successful enough that I can simply stop this day job stuff altogether, and set up my own, independent network of offices throughout the state — perhaps even the country.

And don't worry about sending me too much. As somebody once said, and as our beloved government has proved year after year, "Too much is never enough."

Talk back to Taylor Armerding at tarmerding@andovertownsman.com

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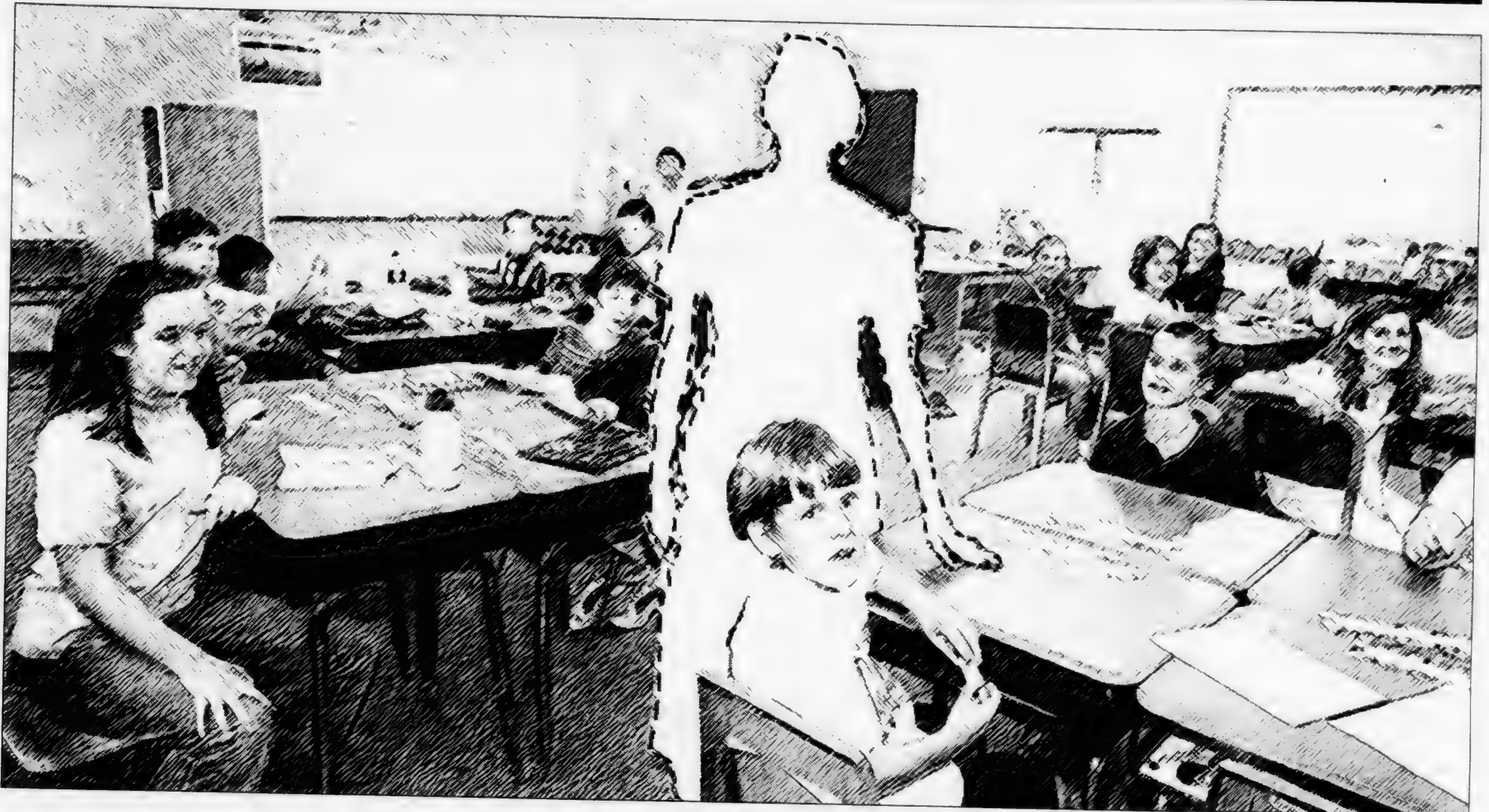


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Subject to change: schools seek continuity in substitute shortage

When principals hear that a teacher is absent, it usually leads to that sinking feeling — a classroom may be without a teacher.

That's because Andover is grappling with one of the side effects of a good economy across the state and the country: substitute teachers are scarce.

In response, school principals are requesting the hiring of building-based substitute teachers in next year's budget, to be paid with some of the money set aside for paying per-diem substitute teachers.

The school department aims to hire one full-time substitute teacher to work in each school building, and if they are not needed on a particular day, make them available to another building.

The position is not to be confused with a "permanent substitute," or a teacher who accepts one assignment for an extended period of time, says Personnel Director Candace Hall.

Principals say hiring build-

ing-based substitutes would offer advantages including continuity for students staff and teachers. What it won't do is entirely solve the lack of substitute teachers.

On an average school day, 12-15 teachers are absent, Hall says. When Andover personnel offices go down the list to fill those spaces, they often come up short, leaving instructional assistants and other school personnel — often administrators — to fill the gaps.

"Throughout the state, people are in the same boat," Hall says.

"There is a desperate need," says Andover High School Principal Larry Robinson, "especially during the winter season when the flu bug is all over," he says.

Charles Friel, principal of West Elementary School, Andover's largest elementary, recalls one Friday this year when 10 teachers were absent.

"I was four subs short. I had to pull instructional assistants to act as subs and scramble to cover recess duty. What suf-

fers is the contact time between assistants and students," Friel says, adding that he has even had to call on parents who are also educators, who have offered to help in a pinch.

This is not just a local problem. An article in the Feb. 4, 1998 *Education Week* magazine says the booming economy leaves very few people unemployed or between jobs who are qualified to teach, but available part-time.

"Educators say enrollment increases coupled with low unemployment rates lie behind most of the current substitute shortages. At the same time, the ranks of baby-boom teachers taking early retirement will almost certainly grow, opening full-time positions for the many substitutes seeking them," writes Bess Keller of *Education Week*, on the lack of substitutes in schools nationwide.

Schools across the country have resorted to lowering standards or increasing pay for subs, Keller says.

The current rate for substitutes teaching in Andover public schools is \$60 per day. In a poll of local school districts done by the Personnel Department, Andover substitutes are paid second only to North Andover's, who make \$65 per day.

Andover substitutes start at \$55 per day, Hall says. After they have worked 30 days, they earn \$57.50 per day and after 60 days they earn \$60 a day, Hall says. Any substitute who has worked 80 days or more in Andover earns \$70 a day, she says. Substitutes who return year after year count the total number of days they've worked in Andover, she says.

But money doesn't entirely solve the problem either. West Middle School Principal Vicki Simms says she hears from fellow administrators in other towns that even those that pay top dollar are not filling all their slots.

Many people who regularly substitute in Andover are called on three to four times a week, Hall says, but many of

them are not available so often.

"These are not the people looking for full-time employment," Hall says.

In an effort to fill more of the gaps, the school department also checks another list of available substitutes with a private company called OPIS. The teachers hired through them make the same amount of money Andover substitutes make, but the town must pay a fee to the agency, Hall says.

Finally, while professional development is largely reserved for outside of school, that cannot always be done, administrators say. That also increases the need for substitutes.

Principals say they have no real problem with teacher absenteeism, but note that they tend to echo patterns of student absences, based on flu season.

Principal Eileen Woods of South School says she believes the problem is less severe this year, and adds that she

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State awards AHS athletic director for leadership

The day may come when it becomes unusual that Andover High School Athletic Director Jim Hurley doesn't win an award.

This year, the Massachusetts Secondary School Athletic Directors Association Executive Board named Hurley the District A Athletic Director of the Year award.

"The award is presented annually to an athletic administrator from one of eight districts who display the qualities of outstanding leadership and meritorious achievement in inter-scholastic administration at the local, district and state levels," wrote David W. Balch, state awards chairman of the MSSADA Executive Board.

District A includes 50 schools in north eastern Massachusetts, Hurley says.

Hurley's involvement in the athletic associations statewide have earned him many awards, including last year's prestigious President's Award of Merit from the Massachusetts Athletic Directors Association.



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

"I have one of the best jobs there is," says Jim Hurley, AHS athletic director recognized for leadership by a state athletic organization.

When asked if this year has presented any new challenges for him, he only named one.

"This week it's staying awake," he says standing in the High School gym after the Andover boys basketball team beat Lawrence by 20 points. Hurley has attended night games every night this week, he says.

"The hours are very long, but it's rewarding. We have great coaches, great staff, great kids," he says.

"That man is a workaholic," says

Dick Bourdelais, program coordinator for Andover school athletics.

Hurley says this year's award from the MSSADA is an honor for him because it is a recognition from his peers, most of whom attend school athletic events nearly seven nights a week.

"It's a nice honor for me," Hurley says.

After working in Andover for 28 years, including 11 years as AHS athletic director, Hurley still enjoys his

work.

"I have one of the best jobs there is," he says. Bourdelais attributes the award to Hurley's commitment to Andover programs and heavy involvement with state athletic organizations.

"He addresses issues up front, and he represents the integrity of the programs (in Andover)," Bourdelais says.

Hurley serves as a District A representative for the State Soccer Committee, and on the Sports Medical Committee, and has twice served as each president and vice president of the Merrimack Valley Conference. He is currently serving his second year as vice president.

— Rebecca Lipchitz

Substitute shortage

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believes South School has a high attendance rate.

The building-based substitute system would allow a substitute teacher to be familiar with the building and its procedures, the teachers and the students.

For example, if a teacher plans to be absent, he or she can review the lesson plan with the substitute for their building so the plan is more complete, principals say.

Sanborn School Principal Jade Reitman says hiring one sub per building offers consistency, commitment and the opportunity to hire a potential full-time teacher who could hit the ground running.

Woods says the position is also more appealing to substitutes, "Knowing where they are going to be each day and being part of a school culture. This is one solution I think other towns have used and proven to be successful," she says.

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WHAT'S UP

Building skills, fun levels during the winter months

By Glenn Wilson
Andover Youth Services

Boys High School Winter Lacrosse Clinic

If you are in grades 9-12 and would be interested in playing lacrosse, this is your chance. The clinic will consist of stations geared at improving skills, teaching rules, and appropriate level game play. It will be held Sundays, Jan. 17, 24, 31, and Feb. 7, 21, 28, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Andover High School Fieldhouse. Proper lacrosse equipment is required.

Register at the DCS office,

Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Youth Winter Lacrosse

The AYS winter lacrosse session is ready to begin Sunday, Jan. 24, and will continue for seven more weeks. If you are in middle school and want to play lacrosse in the spring or would like to learn the skills of lacrosse, this session at the AHS Fieldhouse is for you. This session is designed for the beginner to learn the basic skills and fundamentals of lacrosse. Instruction will be provided by Andover lacrosse

coaches. There are separate times for 12 and under, 14 and under, and girls' groups. More information and registration is available at the DCS offices, 36 Bartlet St., Town Offices.

We need coaches!

Hey, we are in need of coaches for AYS Spring Youth Lacrosse. If you have any experience coaching lacrosse or played in college, come on down and give us a hand, we need your help. Call the AYS at 623-8241 or stop by our office on the third floor of the Town Offices if you are interested.

Check out this six-week golf clinic for middle-school boys and girls

By Glenn Wilson

The Andover Youth Services is offering middle-school boys and girls a six-week golf clinic combining classroom and hands-on instruction. Topics covered are swing concept, rules and regulations, golf etiquette, golf terminology, proper equipment, course strategy, exercises to develop proper muscles, grip, the swing, putting, chipping, practice drills, etc. No experience is required. Golf clubs will be

provided or you may use your own clubs. Instruction will be provided by Mark Kazanjian, owner of Whirlaway Golf Center. Sessions will take place in Andover and Whirlaway Golf Center in Methuen and transportation and additional staff will be provided by the AYS. The clinic will be held from 2:15 to 4:30 p.m., and is guaranteed to be wicked fun, so register at the DCS office in the Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St. Call 623-8241 for more information.

► For more information about WHAT'S UP, call Bill Fahey, Andover Youth Services director, at 623-8241; or Jack Grady, Townsman assistant editor, at 475-1943. E-mail submissions to: jgrady@andover-townsman.com

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SCHOOL TALK

The Merrimack Valley Music Teacher's Association sponsored a winter recital Saturday, Dec. 5, at Memorial Hall Library.

Students ranging from elementary to high-school ages were selected by their piano teachers to perform. The recital was followed by a reception hosted by the teachers.

Andover students were Anne Blackwell, Amy Tang, Josh Kim, Rohan Joshi, Matt Moura, Sophie Brower and Stephanie Yin, students of Linda Shen; and Sara Helmers, Martin Serna and Laurie Nelson, students of Jody Brickman.

MVMTA will sponsor a master class Sunday, Jan. 24. For more information, music teachers can call Alice Donovan at (978) 373-4497.

Andrew Cotton and Sooraj Bhat, seniors at Phillips Academy, were ranked among the top 25 students in the Olympiad High School Prize Competition in Massachusetts for 1998-99. The 30-item, multiple-choice exam was conducted by the Massachusetts Association of Mathematics Leagues (MAML) and sponsored by the Actuaries Club of Boston.



Photo by Nancy Haak

Sir Isaac Newton visited the fifth-graders at South School last month. Michael Levy (at far right) is a South parent who is also an actor. He researched the character, dressed in costume and gave a presentation regarding Newton's laws of motion. The students shown at rest here - tending to stay at rest - are: (back row) Laura Radlinski and Emily Brenner; (front row) Kristen Costagliola, Mike Baldwin and Tom Tassanari.

The 90-minute first-level exam was given in 89 high schools with more than 3,600 students participating. The top 109 students were invited to participate in a second level, three-hour examination March 23 at various insurance companies throughout the state, to

compete for prizes and medals ranging from \$25 to \$250.

Phillips Academy had the most finalists, with 13.

The Knights of Columbus will host the Andover Free Throw Competition at the K of C Hall, at 10 Brook St., on Sat-



Photo by Carol Van Doren

Bancroft Brownie Troop 873 decorates gingerbread houses for Lazarus House - The Bancroft Brownie Troop 873 (first-graders) and Annette Lord's fifth-grade class organized a schoolwide can drive to benefit Lazarus House. A box was put in every classroom on the Friday before Thanksgiving. Robin Hansen of Lazarus House spoke with the girls at their meeting on Dec. 3 and received some of the canned goods and the gingerbread houses made by the Brownies. Hansen said they'd be used to decorate the dining room at Lazarus and, of course, children would be allowed to nibble at a few. This was more than fine with the Brownies, who were concerned there wouldn't be enough (about 15 houses were sent), but Hansen reminded them that a child could not eat an entire gingerbread house alone. Above, Emily Hook (on left) and Morgan Pearce put the finishing touches on their houses.

urday, Jan. 23, from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

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Pack 100 Cub Scouts from **Sanborn School** spent the night of Nov. 14 aboard the destroyer **USS Joseph P. Kennedy** in Fall River. The pack members learned about a "battlewagon" in World War II and explored the submarine **USS Lionfish**, Russian-built missile corvette **Hiddensee**, and the only two PT boats on display anywhere in the world. A

Japanese Shinyo kamikaze boat, Huey helicopter, Landing Craft, Mechanized (LCM) and T-28 Trojan trainer plane are also on display.

Organizers said, "The trip has enabled pack members to better understand and appreciate the contributions made by armed service personnel memorialized at Battleship Cove."

Master storyteller **Jim Weiss** brought classic litera-

ture to life for students at **Bancroft Elementary** on Friday, Jan. 8.

Known for his vibrant voice work, rich language and humorous dramatization, Weiss spellbound children as he took them to magical castles and mysterious lands where kings, giants and talking animals roamed.

Despite the snowy weather, students, teachers and their families filled the school's cafeteria to hear Weiss, who is nationally-known for his recorded and performed stories. Recently, he entertained at the White House.

"Midwinter Night's Tale" was the name given to this program, funded by a grant from the **Andover Service Club**. This is the second consecutive year that Weiss has appeared at Bancroft.

A rope skipping workshop with the **Bouncing Bulldogs**, a nationally ranked team, will be held Saturday, Jan. 30, from 8 to 11 a.m. at the **Andover High School Field House**. The cost is \$20. Bring a rope or buy one at the door for \$4. The Bulldogs

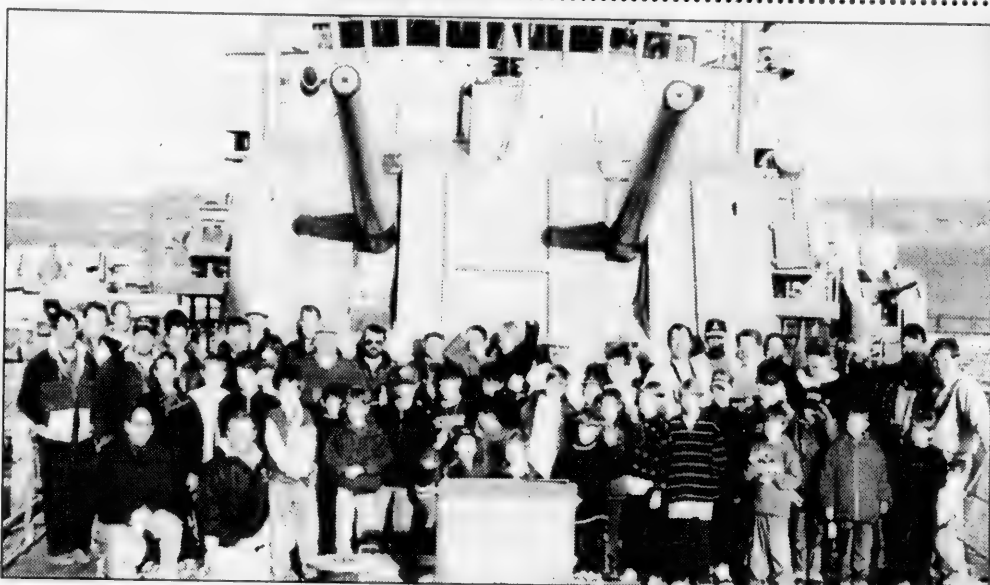


Photo by Carol Van Doren

Jim Weiss, a master storyteller, brought literature to life for Bancroft students. Here he imitates the mouse peering through the bushes in *The Lion and the Mouse*.

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These and other questions about the interim year will be considered during a panel discussion Tuesday, Jan. 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. in Tang Theatre, George Washington Hall, Phillips Academy, 180 Main St. The discussion is free and open to the public.

George Washington Hall is located across from the Andover Inn on Chapel Avenue.

Panel members include Carl Bewig, director of college counseling at Phillips Academy; Roxanne

Barry, director of the Interim Year Opportunities Office at Phillips Academy; and Wendy Pechacek, director of Crossroads, an experiential learning program in Bedford.

Interim year programs that will participate in the session include:

- Dynamy Internships, an urban experiential educational program from Worcester;
- Ithaka, a semester language and culture study program in Greece;
- The School for Field Studies, a program that offers semester-long environmental field studies around the globe, including wildlife management, and coastal, marine and rainforest studies;
- Where There Be Dragons, a

two-semester program of cultural studies, community service and independent study projects in Asia guided by experienced leaders;

• Action Quest, a semester sea study voyage including marine biology, oceanogra-

phy, nautical science, off-shore sailing navigation and scuba certification and diving.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch at Andover public schools the week of Jan. 18-22:

Elementary schools

Monday: No school. Martin Luther King holiday.

Tuesday: Tuna sandwich, soup and pretzel, pizza stick with soft pretzel, hot dog, fries, PBJ soft sticks with puffs, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Cheeseburger with lettuce, tomato, fries, cheese pizza, nuggets and puffs, PBJ soft sticks with puffs, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Baked macaroni and cheese with roll, chicken McSchool, grilled cheese, soup and soft pretzel, PBJ soft sticks with puffs.

Friday: Pizza stick with pretzel, nuggets and puffs, soup and sandwich, PBJ soft sticks with puffs, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Middle schools

Monday: No school. Martin Luther King holiday.

Tuesday: American chop suey with roll, chicken McSchool with fries, bakery pizza with soft pretzel, soup and sandwich, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Cheeseburger with fries, nuggets, puffs and bag of pretzels, bakery pizza with soft pretzel, soup and sandwich, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Macaroni and cheese with roll, chicken McSchool with fries, bakery pizza with soft pretzel, soup and sandwich, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Friday: Two pizza sticks with soft pretzel, nuggets, puffs and bag of pretzels, soup and sandwich, vegetable, fruit, milk.

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News

The more things change, the more Andover stays the same

By Rebecca Lipchitz

While some Shawsheen residents today complain of the noise and traffic created by soccer games at Shawsheen Field, in 1925, residents of Shawsheen Village complained about the noise from all-night dancing on the grounds of Balmoral Gardens.

At the height of its life as a community in the 1920s, Shawsheen Village was the buzzing hub of Andover. Tennis and bowling tournaments, winter skating parties, bridge parties, theatrical performances at the Spa and the Casino on the Arden Estate are documented in *Mills, Mansions and Mergers, The Life of William M. Wood*, by Edward G. Roddy, published in 1982 by the Merrimack Valley Textile Museum.

According to Roddy, in 1921, one could order a complete lobster dinner for \$2 from the kitchen of Shawsheen Manor. Today, one can buy breakfast at the Shawsheen Luncheonette for about \$5.

To preserve at least the remnants of that history, the local Historic District Study Committee is seeking approval at this year's Town Meeting to create a neighborhood Historic District Commission to oversee Shawsheen Village. The village is one of seven Andover districts on the National Register of Historic Places, titles sought by the Andover Preservation Commission, which was formed in 1971.

Shawsheen Village was built in the early 1920s as a planned community for workers in the local woolen mills of William Madison Wood. The residential portions of the village were created in two major sections — "Brick Shaw-



Photo by Carol Van Doren

"Brick Shawsheen" is where executives of the woolen mills lived in the 1920s.

sheen" for the mill companies' executives, and "White Shawsheen" clapboard homes, mostly designed in "Georgian Revival" style, for families of middle management.

The planned community, which received press in Boston for its innovative design for the times, also included the Shawsheen School and the Balmoral Spa.

While the community was designed to house the white-collar employees of the woolen mills, the neighborhood was more middle class than Wood had envisioned, Roddy says.

"Most of the homes in 'Brick Shawsheen' were occupied by sales managers, paymasters, overseers, superintendents, wool buyers and other managerial per-

sonnel. 'White Shawsheen,' however, in addition to accountants, clerks and bookkeepers, housed a considerable number of mill operatives, electricians, carpenters and chauffeurs. One can only assume that the supply of housing for middle-management personnel exceeded the demand of the American Woolen Company salaried help," Roddy writes.

Many homes in "White Shawsheen" were rented to middle-class families. "Only a handful of married women in the village were employed," he says.

Visitors from far and wide were said to have visited Shawsheen Village to view the architecture and innovation of the village, but before the community began to reflect a more economically diverse population, residents of the rest

of Andover reportedly felt Shawsheen residents exhibited "snobbishness," Roddy writes.

"A large number of these American Woolen Company officials and junior executives earned considerable salaries and operated expensive motor vehicles. Many of them had domestic help in their homes. Because of the self-contained nature of the community, residents of Shawsheen rarely mixed with townspeople from 'up the hill,'" Roddy says.

Some of the historic names associated with Shawsheen Village today were not so welcomed by all Andover residents.

A move by Wood to change the name of Poor Street to Oxford Street was voted down at Town Meeting in 1924.

"Old-timers resented the name change of the village from Frye Village to Shawsheen Village," Roddy writes.

A rumor once circulated, to the dismay of Shawsheen residents, that Wood proposed to make the village part of Lawrence, the book says.

But in general, the historic nature of Shawsheen village has been praised.

Barbara Thibault, executive director of the Andover Historical Society, says the blend of industrial, commercial and residential properties was done in a very historically and architecturally sensitive way.

"It's remarkable that the integrity has survived for about 75 years," she says.

In a poem by D. M. Scott published in the *Townsmen* in 1923, Wood's vision is praised, and Shawsheen is the example of his success.

"Like a sunrise in summer, so fair to be seen/Rose the Queen of the Valley, bonnie Shawsheen," the poem begins.

Smooth sailing so far for Ballardvale Historic District

By Rebecca Lipchitz

Those who fear that the creation of an historic district in Shawsheen Village would lead to unreasonable restrictions on property rights might allay at least some of those fears by looking at the Ballardvale Historic District.

The district's review board has been in place since 1995, and in its history has reviewed between 25 and 30 projects, according to Chairman Dennis Ingram.

He says board received 35 applications — 10 in the first year, 15 in the second and 10 in the third.

Some applications did not require review from the historical commission, and of those that did require review, only one decision was appealed, Ingram says.

NYNEX appealed a decision last year that required screening around a transformer.

Historical commission decisions can be appealed within 20 days to the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission (MMVPC). The time line is established by the state, and imposed on local districts, Ingram says.

In that case, the ruling of the commission was upheld by the MMVPC, he says, and NYNEX was required to put screening and landscaping around its transformer.

According to Ingram, the volume of projects reviewed by the commission has more to do with the amount of building or renovating going on in the area than the

strictness of the regulations.

"I believe everyone is working in harmony towards a common end," Ingram says.

The commission has been well received in the neighborhood because it is made up almost entirely of Ballardvale residents, he says.

Ingram, who is the one exception, serves on the commission under two qualifications; as a local architect and as a member of the Preservation Commission.

Dick Moody, Ballardvale resident who chaired the study committee that led to the formation of the Ballardvale Historic District, says the success of the commission can partly be attributed to the commission's educational approach.

"I've been very impressed with the job they've done. Their intention is to maintain the charm there and be helpful to the people who come before them," he says.

Karen Herman is chairman of the Preservation Commission that worked with residents to develop the Ballardvale Historic District Commission, and to form the Shawsheen Historic District Study Committee.

Herman cites the issue of vinyl siding as one way the Ballardvale commission has worked with residents.

While vinyl siding is often discouraged because it covers up problems in a home that could go undetected and contribute to future damage, for many it has economic

appeal, Herman says.

So rather than prohibit use of vinyl siding in the district, the Ballardvale regulations call for residents to be educated about the best way to use siding, like including window trim and moldings that would make it blend in with other historic homes, she says.

"In establishing design review, people come together and decide that these things are important and those things are not so important. It's not an arbitrary thing," she says.

Some residents opposed to the formation of a local commission in Shawsheen say they don't want to vote for the establishment of the district unless they know what the regulations are going to be.

Herman says voting to establish an historic district is commonly done without draft of specific regulations.

"It's not meant to be oppressive. This is going to be a community thing," Herman says.

In an effort to address concerns of residents who say they don't want to participate in the district — particularly a group of residents on Enmore Street — Flynn drew up an anonymous survey to find out how they felt.

The survey includes a clarification of "myths" he feels have been used by opponents. He assures residents that they will not be prevented from building additions or

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Sewers ...

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EIR," says Foster. "It has to be an unusual circumstance."

One of the state restrictions is that the project cannot involve more than 10 miles of sewer lines, and the Andover project (both sewer projects together) will cover more than three times that distance.

The Andover projects include one for the South Main Street and Ballardvale Road section of town, and one for the Rogers Brook area.

The new sewer lines for the Ballardvale/South Main areas of town will need 25 miles of sewer pipe and one new pumping station. It will be bid as four separate projects.

Of this 25-mile total, about 108,700 feet will run under streets and 24,150 will run "cross country." About 1,480 feet will be installed in bordering vegetated wetlands.

The Rogers Brook collection system will need 6 miles of pipe, or about 30,000 feet, with 9,200 feet running cross country and about 500 feet constructed in bordering vegetated wetlands.

At a state-run meeting in Andover's water treatment plant Monday afternoon, Greg Luckman, of Florence Street, presented the state with a petition signed by 25 Massachusetts residents, asking that the EIR waiver not be granted.

"The feeling is that there's not enough information out in the public for it to make such a decision," says Luckman. "It's not meant to imply that we're for or against it."

Some at the meeting said the only rea-

son they knew of the meeting was because they responded to a mandatory advertisement they saw in the newspaper. (See related story)

Selectmen themselves did not find out about the meeting until the weekend immediately before it. No selectmen attended the 2 p.m. meeting.

Reason for it

Officials say one reason they want to put \$23-million worth of sewers into the South Main Street area is because there have been a number of septic failures in that area.

Statistics of Title V inspections kept by Andover's health department since 1995 do show that the Ballardvale Road/South Main Street area has seen a slightly higher rate of septic failure than the town in general.

While about 15.5 percent of inspected systems have failed townwide, nearly 18.8 of inspected systems in the Ballardvale/South Main area have failed.

By contrast, 29.6 percent of inspected systems have failed in the Rogers Brook area.

But some residents want to know the cause of the failures. In other words, were the failures due to inherent problems with the area, or with negligent homeowners?

"We don't really know how many of the septic failures are due to improper maintenance," says Chris Holmes.

Public works director Bob McQuade suggests that people in the area pushing for an expensive project that they will pay the bulk of, know that there is a problem in the area.

"I suggest that the individual ones know more about their own systems

than any one of us," says McQuade.

Under the current town policy, those in the area of the new sewer would pay two-thirds of the cost through betterments, while current sewer users would pay for the remaining third. Some South Main area residents have said the majority of the people in that area are willing to pay those costs.

But selectman Brian Major says the current payment system may be unfair when it comes to such large projects — including paying for the new sewers for the proposed Cross Street schools. He appears ready to try to change the policy.

"We've never handled a sewer project of this magnitude with the betterment system that we have," says Major.

"Until we figure this out, I don't feel comfortable with those projects," he says. "I want those projects to go forward. In fact, I want the whole town to be seweraged at some point. But I think that (the funding) is a critical question that has to be answered first, no doubt in my mind."

Future development

Another important issue for some is the effect of sewer extensions on future growth in town.

The filed environmental notification form says there are 151 unused, individual lots that could acquire houses in the projected sewer areas, equaling less than 10 percent of the total lots in that area. There are also 7 larger areas that could be subdivided into 89 more buildable lots, representing another 6 percent of the area.

Both the consultants and the state analyst saw this approximately 15-percent potential growth as reasonable and

manageable.

"Sewers are typically problems with regards to growth management," says Foster. "But 15 percent, particularly 6-percent new growth, is really well managed, I would say."

Environmental issues

Some sewer lines will run through Phillips Academy's bird sanctuary, but McQuade and the state say the effects will not be noticeable for long.

"The comment from the academy is that the type of trees and the number that have to (be cut) is very minor," says McQuade, whose department installed a water pipe through the sanctuary years ago.

"I defy you to find where we put that pipe," he says.

Consultants say they've already met with Andover's Conservation Commission, and McQuade says the coming pipes are "not anywhere near" any certified vernal pools in town.

Andover's preliminary state form says the town was careful to choose pipelines that would avoid as many wetland areas as possible.

"Numerous pumping stations and/or very deep sewers would be required to avoid the remaining wetland areas," says the form.

McQuade says there could be one to three pumping stations needed for the project. At this point the only pumping station shown on the maps is located on Woburn Street, between Parthenon Circle and Doric Way.

"The reason for the pumping stations is to get us out of the wetlands, to get us out of the sensitive areas," says McQuade.

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Sewers slipping by as Town Meeting approaches

By Neil Fater

Although Andover's two proposed sewer projects are likely to affect nearly every driver in town and cost more than \$30 million, the projects have been flowing toward Town Meeting with barely a gurgle from elected officials. Until now.



Major — Give me answers.

After selectmen were informed at the last minute of a state meeting on the projects, Selectman Brian Major says he wants more public discussion about them.

The town is looking to spend more than \$23 million to extend the sewer up South Main Street and into Ballardvale, and another \$9.5 million to replace and extend the sewers in the Rogers Brook area, from Rogers Brook East to Stinson and Holt roads.

Together, these projects will rip open several dozen streets in town, cover 31 miles and cost millions more than the two new schools Andover seeks.

Yet town officials have paid far less public attention to the sewer projects than to the school projects.

School officials have held numerous meetings on the school proposals, and Selectmen Major and John Hess joined a subcommittee to study them. By contrast, elected officials have not held a single meeting exclusively to discuss the sewer projects, confirms Major.

Tuesday, time quietly ran out for residents to officially tell the state about their concerns concerning these multi-million dollar projects.

The previous day, Monday, the state Executive Office of Environmental Affairs held a meeting in Andover to hear from Andover residents about the projects. The meeting was held during work hours, Monday at 2 p.m., in the water treatment plant. Several people at the meeting said the only reason they even knew about it was because they responded to a small, legally required ad about it on page 46 of the Dec. 17 Townsman.

No selectmen were at Monday's meeting, and Major says even they did not find out about the meeting until just days before it.

"My understanding is at least three of us found out over the weekend and I don't think anyone found out before that," says Major. "I would have liked to have gone but I couldn't throw it into my schedule at the last minute like that. Especially for a project of this magnitude, there are questions that I want to have answered."

Selectman Larry Larsen says he wouldn't have known about the meeting if a resident hadn't called him over the weekend to complain about it.

Some answers may be found in the Environmental Notification Form delivered to the state by the town's hired consultant, Ralph Souppa, who says there are copies of this form at the water treatment plant for residents. The form is about 30 pages long, and includes detailed maps outlining both projects.

In its cover letter to this form, consultant Camp Dresser & McKee asked for the town

to waive its requirement of a more detailed Environmental Impact Report, but Dick Foster, the state's environmental analyst assigned to Monday's meeting, says such a waiver is unlikely.

The state will make its decision about how much the town must include in its Environmental Impact Report by Jan. 19, says Foster.


Although the public comment period ended Jan. 12, Foster says that the state will still accept comments and ship them to the town's hired consultant. But the deadline did hold some weight, he indicated.

"The public comment deadline isn't a drop-dead deadline. It's meant to encourage comments so we can fully consider them," he

says.



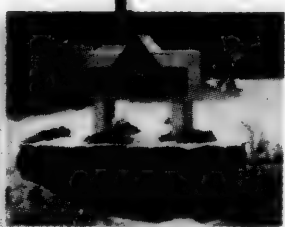
Public Works Director Bob McQuade, Health Director Everett Penney and the town's hired sewer consultants Camp Dresser & McKee attended Monday's meeting. McQuade said he will keep those who attended the meeting informed about future meetings on the sewer projects.

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Regarding garage doors, hope spring isn't in the air

By Neil Fater

You wouldn't think you'd have much to fear from your garage door. But crazy as it seems, you may — even when it's not being used.

Actually, the threat isn't from the door itself, but from the extension springs that make it easy to open and close the heavy doors, says Brian Rittershaus, of Timothy Drive.

When the doors are closed, these springs are under extreme tension. Because of this, when the springs break, they can fly violently across the room, potentially harming people or property.

So when it comes to doors, homeowners should hope spring isn't in the air. In 1996, there were about 1,150 injuries and even one death linked to these flying springs, according to the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission.

The force released when a spring breaks is impressive, say those who have had their garages damaged.

"I've had many, many springs that broke. I'd hate to think of the number but it's at least a dozen,"

says Charles Sheehan, who lives in a Crestwood Drive home built in 1966. "It's happened in the middle of the night and it would wake everybody up. It sounds like someone smashed into the front of the house."

"You wouldn't believe it," he says of the force. "They always bang up against the house somewhere. I could probably find indentations in the door frame."

Although Sheehan is well aware of the spring's power, for others, the news of the potential projectile is a surprise.

Bernadette Lionetta, of Pynchard Avenue, says she had never heard of the problem until a home inspector told her about it when she was buying her house.

"To me, it was a big safety concern because I have small children," says Lionetta.

Rittershaus says he first became aware of the issue when he came home from college several years ago and found a mirror smashed in the garage. His mother told him a spring had broken and crashed into the mirror, and Rittershaus began researching garage springs.

Since then, he's founded Garage Spring Safety Service, a business that specializes exclusively in inspecting and making springs safe, by tightening, lubricating or replacing them.

Although springs made in the last three to five years come with a safety cable to prevent accidents, Rittershaus says he frequently installs eight-inch safety cables through the center of older springs.

He's also talked with Andover state Representative Barry Finegold about filing legislation to make safe garage door springs a part of state building codes.

"Just as a pipe needs to be so many feet below ground, this should be one of the things an inspector has on a list and (that he) checks," he says.

Although he's uncomfortable that his financial interest in the issue might make him seem self-interested, Rittershaus says he believes the information from the consumer safety commission is important to promote.

"From the get go, I didn't want to be a spokesperson for the whole thing," he says. "I didn't want it to look like I was selling snake oil. (But) it happens."

In fact, manufacturers, and the safety commission, know that the average spring will snap after about 10 years, he says.

The reason is because the springs are "cold rolled and quenched," and then heated up again to create the last loop on the spring, says Rittershaus. Because of this, springs often snap at the end, although they can snap elsewhere.

"I'm an engineer. If I see how the things are manufactured, they don't properly temper

them," agrees Sheehan, a satisfied customer of Rittershaus. "They don't properly temper them in the last bend. I would expect them to break. And they have, and they do."



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Spring loaded — Garage springs are what make it easy to move the doors up and down, but they can also be deadly if they break under pressure, says Brian Rittershaus.

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Still there — The Nextel cellular phone tower in Lawrence still looms over Shepley Street in Andover.

Cell tower ...

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not obtain, Scarborough says.

The Lawrence board filed their decision to deny the appeal Jan. 4, Scarborough says, giving residents 20 days to appeal that denial.

Andover Attorney Mark Johnson, who has represented the residents on the issue, says the next level of appeal is either Land Court or Superior Court.

Andover Town Counsel Tom Urbelis says selectmen have not yet decided if they will join the Shepley Street residents' appeal.

The board had previously sent a letter to Lawrence, supporting the appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Johnson says at a meeting of the Zoning Board, Nextel representatives admitted that they were wrong not to notify abutters.

"Our position is that Nextel, having failed to give notice, shouldn't have the benefit," Johnson says.

Scarborough says this violation of state law that requires companies to notify abutters of such projects, regardless of town borders, is what prompted her to work with legislators. She hopes to have that offense — lack of notification of abutters — classified as criminal.

"A corporation like Nextel is free to break the law, and it's up to neighbors to put up the money and fight them in court," Scarborough says.

"It (the tower) could have been anything, a waste incinerator, a porn shop," she says.

Finegold and Tucker announced Tuesday proposed legislation to remove cell towers from their current utility classification, making them subject to local zoning bylaws, and to create a filing system that requires cell tower providers to register their antennae

with the local town clerk.

The legislation would require each town to create a public registry of the addresses of all the antennae.

Many antennae are placed in church steeples or on the sides of

buildings and camouflaged, Scarborough says, and according to her research, pose a health risk from radiation.

"Many people don't realize they have an antenna sitting on top of them," she says.

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sheds, that the bylaw is not intended to control businesses, and that filing fees are minimal.

A filing fee for a Certificate of Appropriateness from the local historic district commission would be \$50, and only applied if the project under review required a public hearing, Flynn says.

In response to residents' complaints that an historic district commission would "add another layer of review and approval," Flynn says the review process should be added because there is no other regulation governing property for the entire Shawsheen Village.

"If Shawsheen Village, including Enmore Street, had this 'added layer of review' in place years ago, it would have allowed this area to retain even more of its original historical integrity and charm," Flynn writes.

However, asked to specify what that layer of review would have preserved, or prevented, Flynn declined to give specifics.

"It's of course impossible for anyone to tell you exactly what would have happened over the years if a district had been set up. All the committee is suggesting is that if you look around the Village and you see things (or in the case of Shawsheen Manor you don't see it because it was demolished) that take away from the historical integrity and charm of the Village, perhaps this could have been prevented or avoided if there had been an Historic District Commission in place who, on behalf of the entire Village, would have reviewed these things first. This applies to commercial, residential and town-owned property alike," Flynn says.

The study committee's preliminary report mentions incidents where historic buildings were "lost or badly compromised," including the 1989 demolition of the Shawsheen Manor and the

"decay of Hussey's Pond, which once served as the Village's community swimming pool and ice rink.

"In addition, there has been new construction or alteration to existing buildings and structures that are incompatible with existing architectural features of the Village that detract from its historical charm. Overall, however, Shawsheen Village has luckily retained a great deal of its historical character," the report says.

Members of the study committee expect to vote Jan. 20 on whether or not to include Enmore Street in the proposed historic district, Flynn says.

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POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Wednesday, Jan. 6 - At 4 p.m., seven boys were arrested after a report of kids going into an abandoned barn on Bailey Road by Haggetts Pond Road. Arrested were: Two 16-year-old males, charged with illegal possession of a class D substance, trespassing on land or dwelling, house, etc.

All others were charged with the same offenses: Andrew Gilmore, 17, of 8 Elysian Drive; Matthew Beechinor, 17, of 17 Barrington Drive; Mark Russo, 17, of 40 Canterbury St.; Joseph J. Flood, 17, of 6 Waverly Drive; Nicholas Fitzpatrick, 18, of 15 Casimere St.

Thursday, Jan. 7 - At 7:45 p.m., police arrested Margot E. Klann, 43, of 7 Crescent Drive, on a warrant for failure to pay a fine.

Friday, Jan. 8 - At 1:48 a.m., police arrested Charlene McCormack, 41, of 46 Beacon St., Lawrence for operating under the influence of alcohol.

Friday, Jan. 8 - At 12:14 p.m., police arrested Marcos A. Ruiz, 22, of 371 Medford St., Somerville on a warrant for two counts of larceny.

At 1:06 p.m., police arrested at a motor vehicle stop Vincent A. Herrera, 19, of 65 Dracut Street, Lawrence on a warrant for concealing a stolen motor vehicle and driving with a suspended license, failure to stop and yield.

At 3:56 p.m., police arrested John A. Witzgall, 40, of 20 Post Office Ave., for operating a motor vehicle under the influence and failure to yield to a car coming in the opposite direction. He was arrested after an employee of Andover Liquors reported that he left after they refused to sell him liquor.

Saturday, Jan. 9 - At 11:48 a.m., police arrested at the Tage Inn Mariano Sanchez Jr., 34, of 6365 Irving Road, Cocoa, Fla., on warrants for operating without a license, and distribution of a Class D substance.

At 7:24 p.m., police arrested Luci Ruggeri, 51, 9 Ferry St., Lawrence for operating under the influence and operating a motor vehicle without headlights.

Sunday, Jan. 10 - At 7:28 p.m., police arrested Peter A. Kaminski, 32, of 68 Sutton St., North Andover, on two default warrants for operating after suspension.

At 8:21 p.m., police arrested Carlos R. Feliciano, 31, of 502 Haverhill St., Lawrence, for violation of a protective order and assault and battery on a household member.

Monday, Jan. 11 - At 1:49 p.m., police arrested Richard R. Sheridan, 47, of 257 North Main St., on a default warrant.

At 11:50 p.m., police arrested Ronald D. Bellmore, 42, of 133 Margin St., Lawrence, for operating a motor vehicle under the influence, driving after license suspension and failure to stay in marked lanes.

Tuesday, Jan. 12 - At 2:41 a.m., police arrested James A. Anderson, 45, of 339 Haverhill St., Lawrence, for abandoning a motor vehicle.

At 3:02 a.m., police arrested two men for shoplifting and concealing merchandise after they left CVS on Main Street: Raymond J. Berard, 32, of 235 Shannon Road, Salem, N.H.; and Stony B. Vega, 19, no street address, of Lawrence.

At 12:10 p.m., police arrested Cesar Rodriguez, 27, of 18 Holton St., Lawrence for operation of a motor vehicle after suspension and speeding.

At 1:57 p.m., police arrested three men on default warrants after a motor vehicle stop: Francisco Delgado, 42, of 34 Hancock St., Lawrence for failure to pay fines and child support; Javier Sanchez, 35, of 27 Willow St., Lawrence, for operating an unregistered and uninsured motor vehicle; Tomas Carrasquillo, 33, of 8 Green St., Lawrence, for disturbing the peace and assault and battery on a police officer, and for possession of a hypodermic needle.

At 5:38 p.m., police arrested Kirsten Houghton, 18, of 10 Pheasant Run for assault and battery on a family member.

At 7:04 p.m., police arrested Douglas R. Costa, 44, 195 North Lowell St., Methuen, for operating a motor vehicle under the influence (third offense) and following too closely.

INCIDENTS

Thursday, Jan. 7 - At 8:39 a.m., a resident of Wild Rose Drive reported his son was out of control, and noted that the police have been notified before of the same problem.

At 9:29 a.m., a motorist called to complain that Bell Atlantic trucks were working on both sides of Jenkins Road without cones or traffic direction. Police found no record of a detail request, but requested three officers report.

At 9:45 a.m., the animal control officer brought a loose dog wearing an invisible fence collar to the animal hospital; a male

German Shepard, black and tan.

At 1:15 p.m., a caller at Sheridan Road reported a black dog in the area that did not belong there. Police brought the dog home to its residence at Wildwood Road, and warned the owner of leash law violation.

At 1:57 p.m., a caller reported a deer struck at 494 Lowell Street.

At 4:03 p.m., a Sutherland Street resident reported a dog bite.

At 6:38 p.m., a Morton Street woman called to say she got a new (rotary) phone and isn't sure how to use it.

At 10 p.m., a Marilyn Road resident called to report that a prescription for a controlled substance, which she picked up for a relative, was missing six pills.

Friday, Jan. 8 - At 7:21 a.m., an Acropolis Circle resident reported her son missing after they had a fight and he left without a coat. The mother checked with her son's friends, who had not heard from him.

At 9:31 a.m., police found that Bell Atlantic was working on Jenkins Road without a police detail. Police report the subjects will be moved from the roadway since the work is not an emergency job.

At 10:03 a.m., police were requested at 342 North Main St. for a person who tried to cash a bad check for \$60.

At 12:33 p.m., police assisted at Route 93 North when a DPW worker hanging a sign was struck in the head by the sign.

At 6:55 p.m., a Tewksbury woman reported that she had lost her diamond engagement ring on Main Street near the post office.

Saturday, Jan. 9 - At 3:46 p.m., police assisted the Fire Department with a heating oil spill at Spring Grove Cemetery reported by McClelland Oil.

At 9:53 p.m., a Donald Circle resident called to complain of a noisy party on his street. Police contacted the responsible party.

At 11:27 p.m., police found an open door at the Bancroft School.

Monday, Jan. 11 - A caller reported two Rotweillers sitting in her driveway. Police reported the dogs had no tags, and were wandering around the Kenilworth Street neighborhood and in the woods nearby.

BREAKS

None.

THEFTS

Sunday, Jan. 10 - At 4:45 p.m., an officer reported a larceny from a motor vehicle at Merrimack College.

At 7:45 p.m. Phillips Academy security reported a blue Mazda was stolen.

Monday, Jan. 11 - At 6:39 p.m., an Andover High School caller reported his wallet stolen from the boys locker room while he was at basketball practice.

Tuesday, Jan. 12 - At 3:27 p.m., a caller reported that a wallet was stolen from Andover High School on Nov. 18.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Jan. 6 - 11:45 p.m., a deer was struck by a car at 65 Osgood Street.

At 8:38 p.m., a school department employee reported a problem with cars passing a school bus on River Road. One student who must cross River Road to board the bus was nearly struck by a car when a driver ran the school bus stop light. She requested a police cruiser at the site the next morning around 8 a.m.

Saturday, Jan. 9 - At 7:01 p.m., a Balmoral Street resident reported her car was hit by another driver who did not leave a note.

At 4:56 p.m., a Burnham Road man reported that someone tried to break into his vehicle overnight.

ACCIDENTS

Friday, Jan. 8 - At 10:26 a.m., a female was injured in an accident at Algonquin and Iroquois avenues.

VANDALISM

Thursday, Jan. 7 - At 5:41 p.m., a Dundas Ave. resident reported his son's car was broken into while parked at Andover High School that day.

Friday, Jan. 8 - At 8:40 a.m., a Woburn Street resident reported his mailbox was knocked down sometime the previous night.

Monday, Jan. 11 - 4:38 p.m., police were notified of damage to a home on Somerset Drive.

Tuesday, Jan. 12 - A Stevens Street resident reported a break-in. After police investigated they found it to be vandalism; two rocks had been thrown through a storm window in the previous week.



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Arts & Entertainment

Short cuts

Neil Fater



It's been around the block

I have a basic rule about birthdays. I only celebrate *people's* birthdays. I don't go ga-ga over the "birthday" of an inanimate object, like the first time some guy mistakenly put his chocolate in someone else's peanut butter.

When my TV turns 10, I'm not going to strap a big party hat on it, blow noise makers, and stuff the VCR full of cake. I'm not going to invite over other people's TVs to celebrate.

But rules are meant to be broken, especially my rules. Thus, I'm more than willing to acknowledge that the esteemed Andover Bookstore is currently celebrating its 190th year. After all, for many, the bookstore has been more of a friend than a place.

I can think of two good reasons why people might want to celebrate this event.

1. People love anything significantly older than they are.

Clearly, no matter how much of a geezer you are, the bookstore is older than you. Compared to the bookstore, Bob Dole is a January 1999 periodical.

Believe it or not, the store is probably the oldest bookstore in America, says assistant manager Julie Carlson.

"No other bookstore has disputed it," says Carlson. "As far as we know, we're the oldest continually operating bookstore in the country."

A few years back, a survey of all American bookstores showed a Hartford, Conn., store had covered more years than the Andover Bookstore, she says. But that place has since bit the dust.

The bookstore has changed locations several times during its years, but it got its start when Phillips Academy principal Mark Newman resigned from the school to become a bookseller in 1809.

John N. Cole published the first *Andover Townsman* on a printing press in the store about 80 years later.

2. People love a cuddly underdog.

In today's Gates-eat-dog world, where giant stores eat local favorites for lunch and wash them down with some Starbucks, it's nice to see a true town institution continue.

People don't want another shop around the corner crushed between the teeth of a giant-store fox. And Andover Bookstore has survived. It withstood a challenge from a Main Street Walden Books in the 1980s, and looks to be doing just fine against the Royal Discount store in Shawsheen Plaza.

Don't be surprised to see that store leave before the Andover Bookstore even considers it.

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Frame jobs exposed at the Addison

By Neil Fater

Long relegated to the outskirts of the art world, frames are set to take center stage at the Addison Gallery of American Art tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 15.

That's when the Addison will officially unveil *Frame Work: American Pictures and Frames* at an opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m. New Addison director Adam Weinberg is expected to attend the opening.

Frame Work will highlight 60 examples of "the frame maker's art," from an untouched but damaged 1740 frame to one from a 1981 work. Nearly all of the frames are from the Addison collection, and the frame makers were identified by William Adair, founder of the non-profit International Institute for Frame Study in Washington D.C.

The walls of the Addison have been painted a rich, dark gray to bring out the color and styles of the frames, and students were hanging the paintings and frames this week.

"We're getting people to notice the frames for the first time," says guest curator Susan Montgomery. "Once we have this lit, the frames will pop."

"Many of these frames were made exclusively for these paintings," says co-curator Susan Faxon. "A



Frame artist Walfred Thulin's frame echoes the waves found in Frank Weston Benson's 1927 *On The Restigouche*, an oil on canvas.

lot of these are original frames, and we have many 18th century frames."

Addison curators say that heavily decorated, 18th-century gold-leaf frames were designed to catch and reflect the changing light of candles and gas lamps, and the lighting in the Addison should help bring out these frames' details as well.

The Addison even discovered an unknown frame maker as they prepared for the exhibit. Carl Sandelin, who was hired to frame works such as Edward Hopper's 1908 *Railroad Train*, signed his name and

inscribed other information to the back of each of his frames.

In Sandelin's and other's frames, people can see the prevalent styles and tastes of the time, just as they can by studying pottery, jewelry or furniture, says Montgomery.

"People haven't thought about it. But it's the same styles as the furniture of the time," she says.

"Early frames were hand carved, but in the mid-19th century, frames became more mechanically produced. At the turn of the century, there's a return to handmade

goods," explains Faxon.

When there was a backlash against machine-made frames because of the loss in design and quality, some painters and framers began working together to create frames that complemented and even continued the feeling of the painting within the frame.

Elite groups of artists in Boston, Chicago and cities in California again hand-created special frames to go with each piece of art. They dated and signed the frames, much as they would an art work.

Abbott Thayer included the same green within indentations in his frame for Thomas Dewing's *Woman in Green Velvet* as can be found in the painting itself.

"There was a nostalgia for the past," says Montgomery. "It happens in pottery, it happens in jewelry, it happens in textiles."

The closeness between frame maker and frame can be found within families and between artists and frame makers cut from the same cloth.

For instance, Boston frame maker Charles Prendergast made distinctive frames for his brother Maurice's equally distinct medieval-influenced works in the early 1900s. In more recent times, woodworker

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A 'ridiculous' concert Sunday for choral society

The Andover Choral Society will present a concert, *From the Sublime to the Ridiculous*, Sunday, Jan. 17, at 3 p.m. at South Church on Central Street.

The concert will feature the "sublime" Brahms' *Liebeslieder Waltzes* and the "ridiculous" PDG Bach parody *Liebeslieder Polkas*. Tickets are \$10, and available at the door.

A not-for-profit organization established 69 years ago by J. Everett Collins, the Andover Choral Society presents two concerts each year in addition to its community-wide *Messiah* sing.

It will be open to new members of all voice parts beginning Monday, Jan. 25, the start its spring season. Auditions are not required.

The spring performance is scheduled for May 2, and will feature Handel's *Alexander's Feast*. A period instrument orchestra will accompany the Choral Society.

Rehearsals are held each Monday at 7:20 p.m. at Christ Church on Central Street. The Andover Choral Society is conducted by Allen Combs, now in his ninth year as music director.

For more information, call 687-8225.



High society - ACS members look to fill the rafters with song.

Painting demo for Andovers Artists Guild this Sunday

Ramona Murrar, a nationally recognized professional painter, will demonstrate her artistic skills Sunday, Jan. 17, at 2 p.m. for the Andovers Artists Guild's monthly demonstration and meeting at North Parish Church in North Andover. The building is handicap accessible.

Murray will explain and complete a painting in pastels. Guest are welcome.

She was a professional musician, singer and songwriter until she moved to California to study painting full time. She eventually returned to Gloucester. Her paintings are in galleries and private collections throughout the country, according to a release.

For more information, call James Cassidy at 688-0633.

It's been booked all century

(IF YOU CAN READ THIS, from page 23)

As for cuddly, the bookstore allows people to sit in front of its fire and enjoy its books. It actively tries to present itself as a warm and fuzzy place.

"We definitely do so that it feels like walking back in time when you come in here. People love that," says Carlson. "It has a cozy feel. It doesn't have fluorescent lights. I doesn't have dark fixtures."

Carlson says when she came into the store for the first time about seven years ago, "I said, 'This is it. This is what a bookstore is supposed to be like.'"

"People come here not just to buy books, but for the experience. You can buy books on the

Internet, but you can't have the feel on the Internet."

Ten local poets will try to capture that feel, or at least their feelings toward books and reading in general, for a 190th birthday poetry reading next Thursday, Jan. 21, at 7 p.m. at the bookstore in Old Andover Village off Main Street.

The poets are Kathy Aponick, Jeri Bayer, Mary Chivers, Lois Frankenberger, Jane Gossard, Helena Minton, Mark Schorr, Nancy Bailey Miller, Greg Wilkin and Sean McCarthy.

Against my general beliefs, I will tell you that birthday cake will be available for next Thursday's birthday bash. Just don't stuff any icing into book jackets.

Frame kings

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and furniture maker Judy McKie has echoed in her frames, the images created in her husband Todd's watercolors.

But frames have not always been considered important by artists.

In the abstract art of the '50s and '60s there are examples "where the frame itself becomes just a tiny piece of wood, barely protective," says Faxon.

Many artists in



Airing out Willem de Kooning - *Folded Shirt on Laundry*

the 20th century made their own frames, with some painting over the edge of the canvas, further blurring the distinction between "art" and "frame."

Willem de Kooning

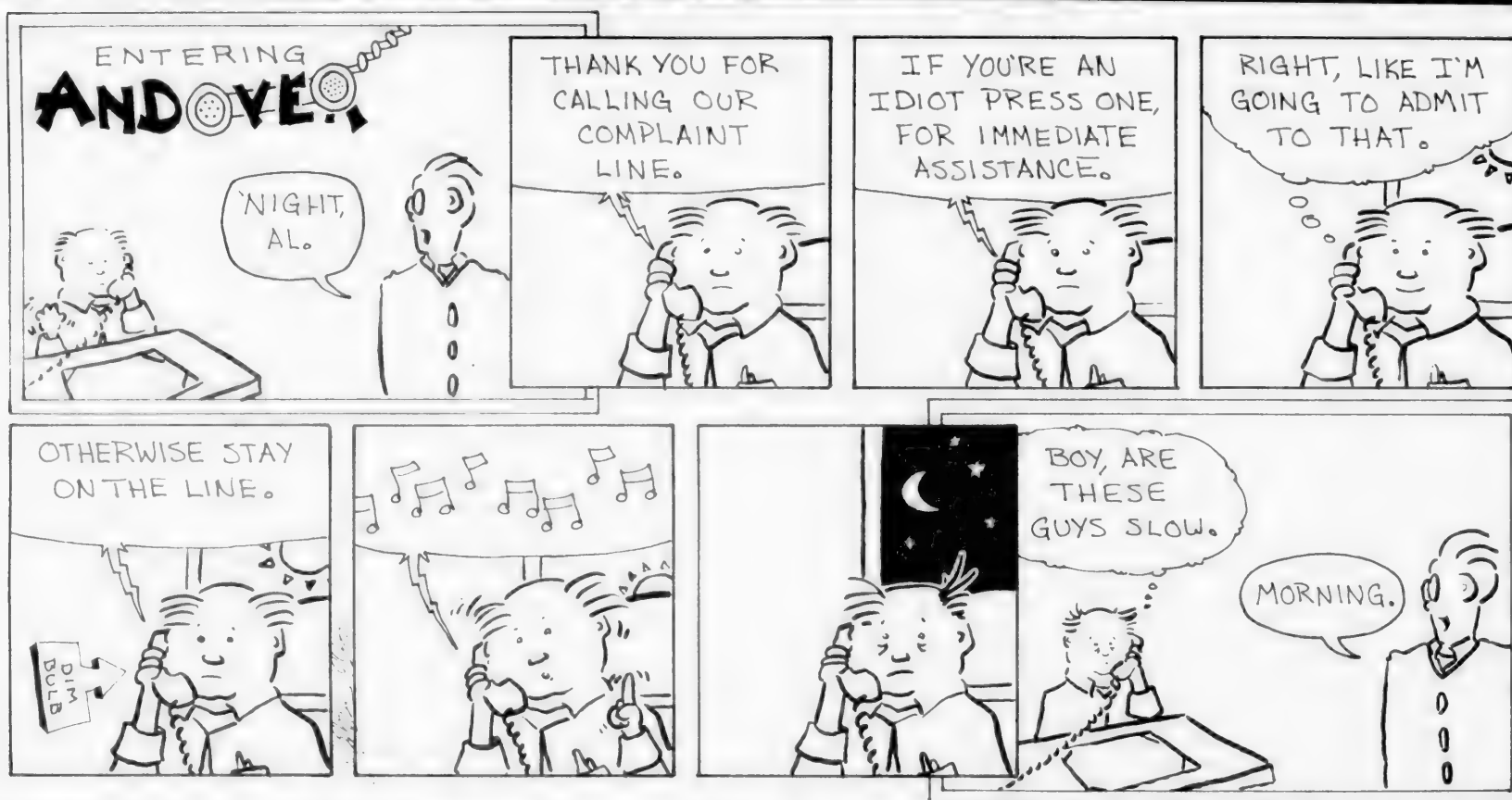
Also on view at the opening reception at the Addison-Friday will be Willem de Kooning: *Drawing Seeing/Seeing Drawing*, an exhibition organized by curator Klaus Kertess and circulated by The Drawing Center, New York.

Comprised of approximately 70 works, the exhibition will focus on four series of drawings created between 1958 and the late 1970s.

De Kooning regularly created series of drawings, sometimes continuing them intermittently over a decade.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, Jan. 14

Best of Boston Comedy, featuring Ace Aceto, 8 p.m., Grill 93, River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.
Breakfast meeting, Homebased Businesswomen's Network Inc., 8:30 a.m. \$12, Village Green Restaurant, Route 1, Newbury Street, Danvers; RSVP Adele Dean (781) 665-4058 before Jan. 7.

FRIDAY, Jan. 15

Comedy Palace at the Grill 93, featuring Mike Donovan and Maria's Bachelorette, 9 p.m., River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

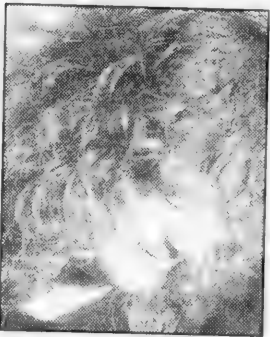
Opening reception, sponsored by Addison Gallery of American Art, exhibits *Willem de Kooning: Drawing Seeing/Seeing Drawing and Frame Work: American Pictures and Frames*, 6-8 p.m., Phillips Academy, Route 28 and Chapel Avenue; 749-4017.

Story swap, sponsored by Andover Bookstore, all ages, bring a story, 7 p.m., 89R Main St.; 475-0143.

SATURDAY, Jan. 16

Comedy Palace at the Grill 93, featuring Mike Donovan, 8 and 10:30 p.m., see entry under Friday, Jan. 15.

Bean supper, sponsored by Sacred Heart Parish, handicap accessible, 4-6:30 p.m., \$4 adults, \$2 children under 12; Irene Potvin 686-5712.



A Wheeler dealer, of song.

Concert, sponsored by New Moon Coffeehouse, songwriter Cheryl Wheeler, 8 p.m., \$15, Murray Room, Unitarian Church, Junction Routes 110 and 125, Haverhill; (978) 373-9259.

College financial aid talk, sponsored by Flint Memorial Library, 10:30 a.m.-noon, 147 Park St., North Reading; RSVP 1-800-770-1504.

SUNDAY, Jan. 17

Concert, sponsored by Andover Choral Society, featuring Brahms' *Liebesslieder Waltzes* and PDG Bach parody *Liebesslieder Polkas*, 3 p.m., \$10, South Church, Central St.; 687-8225.

TOWNSMAN TEASER

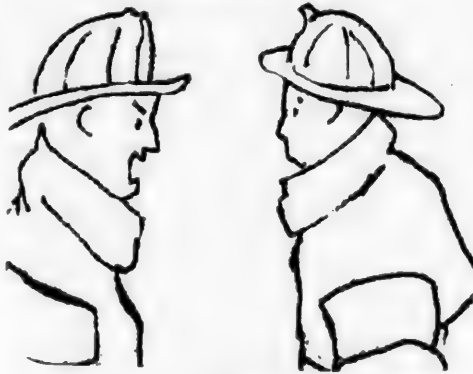


Illustration by Don Mathias

Q: What Chief Wright might say to a horrid employee, if he had one.

A: _____

Word clues: 1. What you eat (5 letter contraction).
 2. Cannonballs and coaches are often this (5 letters).

About the teaser: All teasers are Andover-related and contain a pun. Crossword-style clues are given for each word in the solution. Answer next week.

Hike, sponsored by the Andover Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC), Meet at Ward Hill parking lot, 1:30 p.m.; Jack Gentile (978) 658-0526.

Comedy Palace at the Grill 93, featuring Tony V., 8 p.m., \$8 cover charge, see entry under Friday, Jan. 15.

Art demonstration and meeting, sponsored by Andovers Artists Guild, 2 p.m., North Parish Church, Academy Road, North Andover; James Cassidy 688-0633.

Bridal show, sponsored by Wedding Day Expositions, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., \$7, Andover Marriott Hotel, 123 Old River Road; 1-800-272-EXPO (3976).

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Jazz, sponsored by Casa Vecchia, featuring the Eula Lawrence Quartet with the All-Star Trio, wheelchair accessible, 7:30-10:30 p.m., \$5 cover charge, Route 98, Salem, N.H.; (603) 893-6553.

Meeting, sponsored by Overeaters Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Route 28, Broadway, Methuen, Charlene Viger 687-0755.

Panel discussion, sponsored by Phillips Academy, on interim year off before college, 6-8 p.m., Tang Theatre, George Washington Hall, 180 Main St.; 749-4295.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 20

Meeting, Learning in Retirement Association (LIRA), for retirees and semiretired, Cromwell Schubarth, business manager of the *Lowell Sun*, will talk of his adventures on his tour of the world, 10 a.m.-noon; 934-3135.

THURSDAY, Jan. 21

Grade school open house, sponsored

by the Cape Ann Waldorf School, 8:45-10:30 a.m., Beverly Farms; RSVP (978) 927-1936.

Poetry readings, sponsored by Andover Bookstore, celebrating its 190th birthday, local poets, 7 p.m. 89R Main St.; 475-0143.

Meeting, sponsored by Easter Seals, Merrimack Valley Area Stroke Support Group, 1:30 p.m., Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St.; Paul Chedekel 475-3298.

FRIDAY, Jan. 22

Comedy Palace at the Grill 93, featuring Freddie Stone, Mike Coleman, PJ Walsh, see entry under Friday, Jan. 15.

Employee volunteer programs, sponsored by Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce's Human Resource Association, 8:30-10:30 a.m., \$15 members, \$18 nonmembers, Lanam Club, 260 North Main St.; 686-0900.

Tot Shabbat, sponsored by Temple Emanuel, for toddlers, preschool and school-aged children, 7 p.m., adult

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service, 8:15 p.m., 7 Haggetts Pond Road; 470-1563
Concert, sponsored by Phillips Academy, chamber music of Jewish composers, 8 p.m., handicap accessible, Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy, 180 Main St.; 749-4263.

SATURDAY, Jan. 23

Comedy Palace at the Grill 93, featuring Freddie Stone, Mike Coleman, PJ Walsh, 8 and 10:30 p.m., see entry under Friday, Jan. 15.

Concert, sponsored by Friends of Reading Public Library, featuring "Music at Eden's Edge, 8 p.m., 64 Middlesex Ave.; Rusty Palumbo (781) 944-2017.

Free throw competition, sponsored by Knights of Columbus, ages 10-14, 9:30 a.m.-noon, 10 Brook St.; Chuck Lane (978) 858-6065 or Will Armstrong 475-2589.

House history research workshop, sponsored by Andover Historical Society, 1-3 p.m., \$5, 97 Main St.; RSVP 475-2236.

Concert, sponsored by Phillips Academy, featuring a Klezmer band, 7 p.m., handicap accessible, Tang Theatre, Phillips Academy, 180 Main St.; 749-4130.

SUNDAY, Jan. 24

Hike or ski, sponsored by Andover Chapter of Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC), Harold Rafton Reservation, meet at 1:30 p.m. at compost area off High Plains Road; Marta and Dick Hornidge 475-3595.

ONGOING Museums and Historic Homes

Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy, Route 28 and Chapel Avenue, *Willem de Kooning: Drawing Seeing/Seeing Drawing*, Jan. 16-March 28, *Frame Work: American Pictures and Frames*; 749-4017.

Andover Historical Society permanent exhibit: Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum, containing period rooms from 1820s to 1840s, with 19th-century farm and woodworking tools, library and

office hours 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturdays, Mondays by appointment; \$4 adults, \$2 children, members free; Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., 475-2236.

North Andover Historical Society, 153 Academy Road, North Andover, maintains two sites that feature museum galleries: 1789 Johnson Cottage, an artisan's home and workshop, and 1715 Parson Barnard House, depicting life from 1715-1830, permanent and changing exhibits highlight local life from the 17th- to the 20th century, library and archive, \$3 adults, \$1 children, \$2 seniors, Johnson Cottage, tours Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m., \$5 adults for a combined tour of both properties; 686-4035.



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Street; Suffolk Mill Turbine Exhibit, noon-4:30 p.m.; tours include Nature of the Merrimack; Canal and River Cruise; Harnessing the Merrimack; Pawtucket Canal Tour; Working People Exhibit; Boott Cotton Mills Museum, open Monday-Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., \$4 adults, \$2 seniors, free children 5 and under; (978) 970-5000.

Nature of the Merrimack boat tours, sponsored by Lowell National Historical Park, two-hour boat tour along Pawtucket Canal, through Guard Locks lock chamber onto Merrimack River, participate in water quality testing and locate schools of fish, Monday-Thursday, 10:30 a.m., Lowell National His-

torical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market St., Lowell; RSVP (978) 970-5000.

Exploring Lowell, join a ranger for a 30- to 90-minute program exploring a variety of Lowell-related topics, all tours are free, 1 p.m., Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market St., Lowell; 970-5000.

American Textile History Museum presents *Dresses for Humanity, an Exhibition of the Dresses of the Princess of Wales*, through Jan. 17, wheelchair accessible, Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., \$10 adults, \$8, seniors, students, group members; free for children under 12, 491 Dutton St., Lowell; (978) 441-0400.

Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, *Blanket Statements: A Brief History of Native American Trade*, through July, Tuesday-Saturday, noon-5 p.m., 175 Main St.; 749-4490.

Peabody Essex Museum, *Capturing Poseidon: Photographic Encounters with the Sea*, through April 11, *The Real Witchcraft Papers, Going Places in Asia, A Folk Art Sampler, Order & Elegance: Masterpieces of Federal Furniture from Coastal Massachusetts, Ancient New Englanders: Bullbrook*, all ongoing, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday noon-5 p.m. \$8.50 adults, \$7.50 seniors, students, \$5 children ages 6-16, free, children 5 and under, \$20 family rate, Phillips Library, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday 1-8 p.m. Liberty and Essex streets, Salem; (978) 745-9500 or (800) 745-4054.

Custom House Maritime Museum, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, 1-4 p.m. closed Wednesday afternoons, \$3 adults, \$2 seniors and children ages 5-17, members free, operated by Newburyport Maritime Society, 25 Water St., Newburyport; Cynthia Novotny (978) 462-8681.

Cushing House Museum, 98 High St., Newburyport, *Generations of Newburyport Silversmiths*, a chronology of 18th- and 19th-century silver as exemplified through distinguished Newburyport artisans, \$4, members free; (978) 462-2681.

Wenham Museum, *Bears for all Seasons: A Teddy Bear Romp*, through Jan. 31, more than 200 teddy bears in scenes depicting the joys of the four seasons, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday and

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Sunday, 1-4 p.m., \$4, \$3.50 seniors, \$2 children 3 and over, 132 Main St. (Route 1A), Wenham; (978) 468-2377.

Art Exhibitions

Essex Art Center, paintings by Stephen LaPierre and sculpture by Jack Welch, through Feb. 5, Tuesday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 56 Island St., Lawrence; 685-2343.

Memorial Hall Library, Richard Yee, artist of the month for January, Elm Square; 623-8401.

Robert Lehman Art Center, *Mixed Metaphors and Media*, through March 7, Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, 2:30-5 p.m., Brooks School, 1160 Great Pond Road, North Andover; 725-6232.

Senior Center artists, talented artists participate in art classes and enjoy the "drop-in group" on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, art display of oils, watercolors, pencil, pen and ink, pastels and oriental brush art is in the Music Room; Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court, 623-8321.

Vertu Fine Art Gallery, *Carnival and Sky*, photograph exhibit, and Mill #1, The Tannery, 50 Water St., Newburyport; (978) 462-3735.

Brush Art Gallery, *Dreamweavers: Symbolist Tendencies in Contemporary New England Art*, through Feb. 7, wheelchair accessible, Tuesday-Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday noon-4 p.m., 256 Market St., Lowell; (978) 459-7819.

McQuade Library Art Gallery, paintings by Boston artist Lena Marchi, through Jan. 30, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sunday, 1-5 p.m., Merrimack College, junction of Routes 114 and 125, North Andover; 837-5255.

Theatre

Full Gallop, comedy about the legendary, irrepressible Diana Vreeland, presented by Merrimack Repertory Theatre, Wednesday-Sunday, through Jan. 31, 50 E. Merrimack St., Lowell; (978) 454-3926.

Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?, a musical about growing up presented by Amesbury Playhouse, through Jan. 24, matinees Sunday, Jan. 17, with dinner at noon and show at 1, Thursday-Saturday, 7 p.m. dinner, 8:30 show, Sunday dinner 5 p.m., show 6:30 p.m. show-only \$10.50-\$12.50, 194 Main St., Amesbury; (978) 388-9444.



Reflective group - Playhouse looks at "growing up," and the shine on your shoes.

Meetings/Activities, partial listing

Adult Learning Center, 243 South Broadway, Lawrence, offers free citizenship classes Monday and Wednesday, 12:30-3:30 p.m.; Karen Sheridan 975-5917.

Al-Anon, Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., St. William's Church basement, Main Street, Tewksbury; Dottie 851-7655.

Andover Great Books Group, meets second and fourth Tuesdays, discusses book of the week, activity room, Memorial Hall Library, 7:30-9 p.m.; Jean

McGreehan 667-9610.

Andover Choral Society, all voice parts are welcome to join, auditions are not required, rehearsals are held Mondays, 7:20 p.m., Christ Church, Central Street; Christy Puntoni 470-8747.

Bridge game and lessons, Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church, 6 Locke St.; (603) 382-0123 J. J. Zamierowski.

Men's woodcarving group meets on Mondays at 9 a.m. on a drop-in basis at Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St.; 623-8321.

Newcomers Club of the Andovers, social club for residents of Andover and North Andover, variety of activities, membership open to new and established residents; Linda Ianelli 686-2263, or Linda Latta 975-8767.

North Shore Chorus rehearsals, women over 18 who enjoy singing and performing, can "carry a tune," have good sense of humor, 7:30 p.m., Lutheran Church, 280 Broadway, Wyoma Square, Lynn; Pat Fitzgerald (617) 324-1484.

Merrimack Valley Camera Club, Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m., Trinitarian

Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover; Sarah Musumeci 688-1116.

Country-western dancing, El Dorado Room, Old Nashua Road, Dracut, Sundays, 7 p.m., couples and line-dance lessons, cash bar; (978) 772-2195.

Country-western dancing, Moose Lodge, North Street, North Reading, Fridays, 7:30 p.m.-midnight, couples and line-dance lessons, \$5 donation; Ken (978) 772-2195, or 664-2721.

Folk dance, Skirts and Flirts Square Dance Club, weekly Thursday classes, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Shawsheen Elementary School, Shawsheen and Hopkins streets (Route 12), Wilmington; (978) 658-4022 or 658-3480.

Lowell Opera Company rehearsals Mondays, 7:30 p.m., new members welcome, auditions not required, First United Baptist Church, Church Street, Lowell; Vita Selvaggio (978) 453-3610.

The Merrimacks 978 Toastmasters Club public-speaking skills meetings, second and fourth Mondays of month, guests welcome, Prescott House Nursing Home, North Andover, 7-9 p.m.; Pat Meredith 681-8014.

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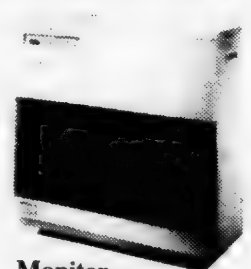
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AFE Spelling Bee returns April 9 to benefit Andover Schools

The Andover Fund for Education (AFE) has announced the Second Annual Andover Spelling Bee will be held Friday, April 9, at West Middle School.

Following last year's resounding success, the AFE plans to increase the number of teams and find out if any can out-spell last year's champions, the Spellbound Librarians.

Local businesses and organizations are invited to sponsor teams to enter the Spelling Bee. Teams work together to spell words so there is no solo spelling. The teams compete in rounds, with the winner of each round joining a final Championship 'Spell-Off'. Costumes are encouraged. Last year's teams wore flowered hats, black turtlenecks and glasses, Cat-in-the-Hat hats, and matching T-shirts.

The public is invited to cheer on the contestants tackling words from *glimpse* to *bouillabaisse*. The Spellbound Librarians won on *syzygy*. Could you have spelled it?

Co-workers can cheer on colleagues, students can cheer for their teachers, and home sellers can cheer their realtors. Team Doherty came out on top of the school competition. We'll see if they can repeat their winning performance this year.

The funds raised from the Spelling Bee will be used to increase the AFE endowment and for competitive grants awarded to teachers and administrators in the Andover schools. To receive entry materials, contact Bill Kane at 475-5041.

The Andover Fund for Education is a non-profit organiza-



Chip and Sharon Faulkner and their son, Matthew, 1, were among the Andover families who came to the baby reunion sponsored by the Fertility Center of New England. They are shown with R. Ian Hardy, M.D., Ph.D. (center, with bow tie).

tion founded in 1991 to support Andover's public schools. Twice a year the group disburses grants to Andover teachers for innovative projects that are beyond the scope of the school budget. Since its founding, the AFE has funded 40 programs in every school, grade and academic area.

New organizational support program from the Cultural Council

The Andover Cultural Council announces the availability of Organization Support grants administered directly by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Cultural organizations covering the arts and interpretive sciences are potential applicants.

The Intent to Apply deadline for the grants to be awarded over a three-year cycle beginning in 1999 is Jan. 25.

An information session sponsored by the Massachusetts Cul-

tural Council will be conducted Wednesday, Feb. 3, from 3:30-5 p.m. at the offices of the Lowell Telecommunications Corp., 246 Market St., Lowell.

All organizations seeking to file an application for Organization Support should plan to attend. For information about the grant program and to reserve a space at the information session, call the Massachusetts Cultural Council at 1-800-232-0960.

Andover families attend baby reunion at Fertility Center

Nearly 1,200 people gathered recently at the Burlington Marriott Hotel for the annual baby reunion sponsored by the Fertility Center of New England, located in Reading.

The following families from Andover attended the reunion: Sharon and Chip Faulkner and son, Matthew, 1; and David and Kim Briggs and Christopher, 4½, and Michael, 1½.

The children have one thing in common - their births were the result of state-of-the-art infertility treatment provided to couples throughout the New England region since 1987. Children range in age from a few weeks to 11 years. Some children were adopted when that was the family's best option.

"These children represent the miracle of the holiday season, which started with a miracle birth nearly 2,000 years ago," says Medical Director Vito Car-



Kim and David Briggs and Christopher, 4½, and Michael, 1½, talk with the Fertility Center's medical director, Vito Cardone, M.D. (at right).

done, M.D. "They also symbolize the joy of the family, which for many couples took years of struggle, hope, and finally, triumph, to achieve."

Couples who seek infertility treatment have tried to conceive for a year or longer without success. This group accounts for one out of every six couples of childbearing age in North America; almost one in every 15 couples has a serious clinical problem that requires medical intervention. Many parents at the party had tried for years to have a family before seeking help at the Fertility Center of New England.

The Fertility Center of New England offers a comprehen-

sive range of infertility services. For more information, call (781) 942-7000.

Congregation Tifereth Israel rings in 1999

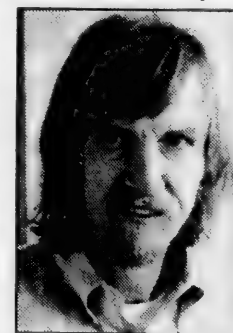
Congregation Tifereth Israel celebrated 1999 with a New Year's Eve party at the synagogue. A DJ provided the entertainment, and partygoers nibbled hors d'oeuvres and desserts. A silent auction of items donated by local merchants raised more than \$500 for the organization.

The congregation's Brotherhood and Sisterhood are planning other events, including a

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Local photographer, art professor heads up jury awarding Europe's richest photography prize

Arno Minkkinen of Andover, an art professor at UMass Lowell, recently served as president of the jury awarding Europe's richest photography prize in the Grand Prix de la Ville de Vevey competition in Vevey, Switzerland. The prize, 40,000 Swiss Francs, was the equivalent of roughly \$30,000.



Arno Minkkinen

Minkkinen, an accomplished photographer, has had works recently shown at the Gallen Kallela Museum in Helsinki, Finland, and at the Park Avenue Armory in New York City. His photographs are also the subject of a postcard series currently being published and sold throughout France. New works include a book, *Body Land Photo Review*, and publications in upcoming issues of Marie Claire fashion magazine, the Italian architecture magazine *Domus*, and the European photography guide *Photographie a Paris*.

AMC has ski treks planned

The Andover Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) has the following January events planned. Call the trip leader for more information.

► Sunday, Jan. 17, 1:30 p.m. Meet at Ward Hill parking lot. Jack Gentile (978) 658-0526.

► Sunday, Jan. 24, 1:30 p.m. Meet at Compost area off High Plains Road. Hike or ski Harold Rafton Reservation. Marta and Dick Hornidge 475-3595.

► Sunday, Jan. 31, 10:30 a.m. Meet at town compost off High Plains Road. Annual ski/hike breakfast at Harold Rafton Reservation sponsored by AMC and AVIS. Two-mile hike or ski suitable for all ages and abilities. Hot drinks and muffins will be provided. Burt Batcheller 475-3665.

NEWS FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Here are some of the activities scheduled at the Senior Center.

CPR training

The Senior Center, in cooperation with Holy Family Hospital, will offer the American Heart Association's "Heart Saver Course" Monday, Feb. 1, from 1 to 4 p.m. The class will consist of a video, lecture and hands-on training with a certificate of completion. The class will be limited to 20 participants. Cost is \$4 and reservations are required.

Creative cooking

Ed Alessi will hold a creative cooking class Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$5 with advance sign-up necessary.

Pot luck lunch

Chase away the winter doldrums with the center's pot luck lunch next Thursday, Jan. 21, at 11:30 a.m. Sign up at the desk to bring a main dish, salad or dessert.

Women's health series

Rachel Robinson will lead an educational piece and Tai Chi demonstration and Ted Bertini will explain "What you need to know before you take your morning or evening walk," Friday, Jan. 22, at 9 a.m. Cost is \$1. Pre-registration would be appreciated.

Movie matinee

Robin Williams and Robert DeNiro star in *Awakenings*, a true story of a maverick doctor and the patients whose lives he changes. The movie will be shown Monday, Jan. 25, at 12:30 p.m.

Supper club

Everyone is invited to join the monthly outings to area restaurants. The

supper club will dine at Jackson's Restaurant Wednesday, Jan. 27, at 5 p.m. The cost is \$12 and the menu is available at the center.

Brown bag lunch/lecture

Julie Bernsen from the Addison Gallery will share highlights of the gallery's upcoming exhibits and how examples of wood-working, molding and gilding techniques are used to create frames Tuesday, Jan. 26, at noon. Bring a bag lunch, the center will provide desserts and beverage. The cost is \$2. Advance registration would be appreciated.

Visiting artist series

An oil painting demonstration and workshop with artist Sylvana Siudut will be held Wednesday, Jan. 27, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$5. Register at the center.

Peace and justice week

Merrimack College and the Senior Center will join forces for a peace and justice week Feb. 8-12. The week is designed to complement the United Nations' theme of the Year of the Older Person and will feature college classes, keynote speaker and dinner, ecumenical prayer service and a call to action. Seniors who are interested in participating should call Pat at the center.

Men's breakfast

The monthly men's breakfast will be held tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 15, at 8:30 a.m. Call the center to make a reservation.

Stroke Support Group

The Merrimack Valley Area Easter Seal Stroke Support Group will meet Thursday, Jan. 21, at 1:30 p.m. at the Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St. Call Paul Chedekel, coordinator, at 475-3298.

SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

Super Bowl / mah-jongg party and Jewish adult education programs.

For information, call 474-0540.

Drinon honored by Rotary Club of Andover

The Rotary Club of Andover named David Drinon a Paul Harris Fellow at the club's annual holiday party Dec. 8 at the Lanam Club.

Drinon, a senior sales executive with John Hancock Financial Services, is a charter member of the Rotary Club of Andover.

In making the presentation, Ray Cannon, club president, said, "The Paul Harris Fellow was originated in honor of Paul Harris, who founded Rotary in Chicago, Ill., in 1905. It is made in special recognition of Dave Drinon's work with Rotary since the Andover club's founding in July 1995. Dave served as treasurer for two years and has always been active in the club's fund-raising efforts. In addition, he has been a charter member of the investment committee and has lent his invaluable investment



Congregation Tifereth Israel celebrated 1999 with a New Year's Eve party at the synagogue. Partygoers included (clockwise, from lower left): Cindy Ochs, Meryl Greene, Alan Greene, Michelle Soll, Roz Price, Howard Price, Rich Maltzman, Ellen Maltzman, and (in the center) Arno and Cheryl Topp.

expertise to that committee."

Rotary Clubs are found in virtually every country and now count more than 1.2 million members worldwide. Proceeds from the investments of the Andover chapter are used to support local nonprofit organizations as well as to advance the efforts of Rotary International "to promote world peace and understanding."

Drinon and his wife, Cynthia, live at 197 Shawsheen Road.

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WEDDINGS

Salafia-Sotnik

Kelli Joan Sotnik and Paul Joseph Salafia Jr. were married June 20 at St. Philip Church in Greenville, R.I. The Rev. Robert Lacombe performed the ceremony.

Kaela Sotnik of Boston was her sister's maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Kristen Falls of Hamden, Conn., and Kathryn Sotnik of Greenville, R.I., the bride's sisters.

David Salafia of Andover was his brother's best man. Andrew Arnott of Boston and David Falls of Hamden, Conn., were groomsmen.

Following a reception at The Federal Reserve in Providence, R.I., the couple left for Hawaii.

The bride is the daughter of Charles and Jacqueline Sotnik of Greenville, R.I. The 1993 graduate of Boston University is an account executive with Foote Cone & Belding in New York City.

Her husband is the son of Paul Salafia of Andover and Bobbi Rennie of North Andover. He also graduated from Boston University in 1993 and is an account execu-



Paul and Kelli Salafia

tive with Ogilvy & Mather in New York City.

The couple live in Stamford, Conn.

Barrett-Beaudet

Debra Ann Beaudet and John James Barrett were married June 27 at St. Augustine Church. The Rev. Terry Hyland performed the ceremony.

Michelle Lynn Beaudet of Springfield was her sister's maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Suzanne Graves of Springfield, the bride's sisters, and Kathleen Barrett of Andover, the groom's sister. Alexandra Barrett of Topsfield, the groom's cousin, was flower girl.

Paul Basile of Andover was best man. Groomsmen were Scott Tobias of Andover and Marty Beck of Attleboro.

Following a reception at Andover Town House, the couple left for Disney World.

The bride is the daughter of Arthur and Florence Beaudet of Springfield and granddaughter of Janet and Roland Beaudet of Chicopee. The videographer of Pro Video Production in Reading has a bachelor's degree in communication.

Mr. Barrett is the son of John and Betty Barrett of Andover and grandson of Veronica Barrett of Topsfield. He also has a bache-



John and Debra Barrett

lor's degree in communication and is employed by NewsEdge Corp. in Burlington.

The couple live in Waltham.

Stanton-Bainbridge

Catherine Margaret Bainbridge and Thomas Howard Stanton were married June 27. The service was performed at Christ Church by the Rev. James A. Diamond, rector of the church.

The bride was attended by Christene Wall, Elizabeth Bainbridge, Alison (Bainbridge) Hinerman and Sheila (Stanton) Bergeron.

Lawrence Stanton was his brother's best man. Ushers were Michael Ross, Richard Davenport and Shawn Mahaney.

Following a reception at Andover Inn and afterwards at the home of the bride's parents, the couple left for Aruba.

The bride is the daughter of Trevor and Margaret Bainbridge of 11 Abbot Bridge Drive. She is a graduate of Andover High School and University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Her husband is the son of Barbara Stanton of Burlington and the late George Stanton. He is also a graduate of University of



Thomas and Catherine Stanton

Massachusetts Amherst.

The couple live in Denver, Colo.

Mutti-Nagel

Denise Nagel and Michael Mutti were married June 20 at Middleburg Heights Community Church in Middleburg Heights, Ohio.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Nagel of Strongsville, Ohio. The 1995 graduate of Baldwin-Wallace College is a human resources specialist with Avery Dennison.

Her husband is the son of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Calvin Mutti of Andover. The 1993 graduate of Heidelberg College is a senior systems analyst with Commercial Transportation Services.

The couple live in Middleburg Heights, a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio.

Denise and Michael Mutti ►



Garbert-Moskos

Kristina Peter Moskos and Josh Allan Garbert were married June 14 in St. Joseph's Church. The nuptial Mass was celebrated by Father Art Johnson, former pastor of St. Augustine Church.

Readings were given by the bride's grandfather, Salvatore Santopietro, and her cousin, Jason Hirsch. Her godfather, Thomas Santopietro, was Eucharistic minister.

Joanne Hirsch of Barrington R.I., the bride's godmother, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Laurie Bucci of Barrington, R.I., Marissa Scola of Cranston, R.I., and Gevin Stevens of West Hartford, Conn.

Todd Unger of Port Orange, Fla., was best man. Jeff Dowling of Daytona Beach, Fla., Jamie Moskos of Portland, Ore., brother of the bride, and Jayson White of Highlands Ranch, Colo., were groomsmen.

The rehearsal dinner was held at the Lanam Club.

Following a garden reception at the home of the bride's parents, the couple left for St. Lucia.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Moskos of Andover. She graduated from the University of Rochester in 1991 with a B.A. degree in psychology and from Northeastern University in 1996 with an M.B.A. degree. She is business develop-



Josh and Kristina Garbert

ment manager with Ralston Purina Co.

Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Hart of Tucson, Ariz., and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Garbert of Denver, Colo. He received a B.S. degree in business in 1992 from University of Arizona. He is marketing manager of NASCAR Licensing.

The couple live in Charlotte, N.C.

Robersons celebrate 50th anniversary

Daniel and Lois Roberson of 14 Lupine Road celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Diane and Roger Allen in Nashua, N.H., on Sept. 12. The affair was co-hosted by their son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Jean Roberson Jr. of Tewksbury. All seven grandchildren and their families attended. The Robersons were married Sept. 11, 1948,

in the First Baptist Church in Swampscott.

Mr. Roberson worked for the U.S. Postal Service in Wakefield for 26 years before he retired. His wife recently retired from the Andover High School cafeteria after 12 years. She previously retired from American Mutual Insurance Co. in Wakefield after 20 years as a claim examiner with the Group Health Department.

Peters have 63rd anniversary party

James and Mildred Peters celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary April 12, 1998. A surprise reception was held at the home of their granddaughter and her husband, Kimberley and Michael Pietrowski.

Family members included daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Mark Berberian and their granddaughters Lisa and Laura Berberian of Herndon, Va.; grandson, Robert Peter Lawrence of Trumbull, Conn.; also Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lawrence Sr. of Trumbull, Conn., and Mr. and Mrs. John and Joseph Faro of North Andover.

Mildred and James Peters ►



ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

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Parker Shattuck spent the holidays at home.

Mrs. Albert Manning is visiting in New York.

Mrs. G. Arthur Bodwell of Salem is visiting at Joseph F. Cole's on Elm Street.

The kindergarten school at Abbot Village will be held in the morning instead of the afternoon hereafter.

Rev. William J. Long preached the New Year's sermon at the West Church Sunday.

Engineer George Winslow and his family will remain in town this winter.

H.F. Chase has made some changes in his store which will be of great benefit to him. The small room at the rear of the American Express Co. office and which was formerly used by them has been taken over by Mr. Chase and converted into a workshop, thereby giving him extra floor space in his store where he will be able to show off his wheels to better advantage. Mr. Chase will open a gentleman's furnishing department. He will make a specialty of golf suits, custom clothing, collars, neckware, etc.

The funeral of Albert Russell was held Sunday afternoon at the home of his parents on Summer Street, at 2 o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. F.A. Wilson of the Free Church, assisted by Rev. Frank R. Shipman of the South Church. Hymns were sung by the Free Church Quartet. The floral offerings were beautiful, scores of friends of the dead boy showing their sympathy and esteem in that way.

The bearers were members of the Boys' Brigade Company of the Free Church, of which deceased was a member. Burial was in Spring Grove Cemetery.

The First Institute of the Essex Agricultural Society, for the year 1899, will be held in Town Hall, Essex, on Friday, January 13, 1899, at 10 o'clock a.m. The subject for the forenoon will be "How to Feed the Dairy Cow." The afternoon session at 1:30 p.m., the subject will be "Economic Summer and Winter Feeds for Milk Cows" by Dr. J.B. Lindsey, expert in charge of the Department of Foods and Feeding at the Mass. Agricultural College. Ladies especially invited. Electric cars leave

Beverly for Essex at half past the hour. A number of our local farmers will attend.

50 years ago

Appointment of a permanent deputy chief in the fire department will be made as soon as the result of recent civil service examinations taken by five members of the fire department. Albert Cole, a permanent lieutenant, has been acting deputy since the retirement of Deputy Lester Hilton, December 1944, and Kerr Spark, a permanent fireman, has been acting lieutenant in the department. Members of the department who took the examinations have received their ratings but up to Wednesday evening Chief C. Edward Buchan had not received a copy of the eligible list, which the examinations have established.

Brian Caldwell, a junior at Punchard High School, has been chosen to represent Andover in the annual American Legion oratorical contest to be held soon. He will compete with the other contestants from the county and if he wins he will compete in the state finals. From the state one contestant is chosen to represent the Commonwealth in the national contest. The county contest will be held in the Oliver School at Lawrence. The Andover entrant will receive a prize for winning the local contest. The state prize is \$150 and the national prize is a \$4,000 scholarship. Last year Jack Sherman represented Andover. Caldwell has taken part in many plays during his school career and is well chosen for his part in the Legion contest. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Caldwell of 2 North Main Street.

Two Andover officers in a 90 miles-an-hour chase from Andover Square to Reading Square early Wednesday morning succeeded in the capture of two Revere men who were later arraigned on charges that included the kidnapping of a girl who was in their car. The wild chase ended when Reading police, notified of the pursuit from local headquarters, put up a roadblock in Reading square and shot the tires of the car when it swerved to avoid the trap. This caused the fleeing car to overturn but none of its occupants were injured. Andover police were notified

early Wednesday morning by a Lawrence taxi driver that a car was traveling at a high rate of speed over South Broadway with a girl in the back seat calling for help. Sgt. David L. Nicholl, who was in the station at the time, radioed the police car in which Officers Joseph E. O'Brien and William Tammany were on duty. They soon noticed a speeding car approaching the square and signaled for it to stop, but it kept going and the officers gave chase through the mist and fog. At the top of the hill near the academy an approaching car was driven off to the side of the road but the speed of the fleeing car did not diminish.

25 years ago

The Andover Finance Committee will begin a series of meetings on the town budgets tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the print room of the Memorial Hall Library. Scheduled for discussion tonight is a general budget review with special articles presentations planned for the recreation department. On Tuesday, Jan. 8, there will be subcommittee presentations on general government, staff agencies, and veterans affairs will be presented. FinCom chairman Frank L. Byrne, has assigned members of his board to various agencies in the town to study their 1974 budget requests as well as special articles to be presented at Town Meeting in March. The FinCom members have been regularly attending School Committee meetings reviewing their budget examinations.

Work on repairing the intake pipe for Andover's water treatment plant has been completed, according to Town Manager J. Maynard Austin. The repair of the improper pipes was made by skin divers and the work completed prior to the holidays. Testing of the equipment is expected to get underway soon, moving the long-delayed project closer to going on line. The project is a year overdue in completion.

The Fourth Annual Andover Village Improvement Society Ski Race and Snowshoe Trek will be held Saturday, Jan. 12 in the Harold Rafton Reservation. Breakfast will be served from 9 a.m. to noon. A one-mile

race will be staged beginning at 12:30 p.m., with registration taking place at noon. Snowshoeing will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Rafton Reservation is off High Plain Road and reachable via the northwest quadrant of the Route 495-93 interchange.

10 years ago

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority has awarded a \$216,000 contract to a new bus company, owned by James F. Trombly, for the Merrimack Valley to Boston bus route effective Jan. 30. Current weekday service will be maintained. And the company will be subsidized an additional \$12,000 to start up weekend and holiday service. New schedules, effective at the end of the month, are being published. Trombly, son of Frank Trombly - owner of the Dracut-based Trombly Motor Coach Service - will be the owner and president of the yet to be named company. The MBTA's contract with Merrimack Transportation, the company that currently services the Merrimack Valley to Boston route, will officially be severed Jan. 29, said MBTA spokesman Vincent Carbone. Unhappy with Merrimack's proposal in September to cut back weekend and midday service, the MBTA decided to award the subsidy to another firm, calling for bids in November. Preparation for the takeover has begun, said Trombly. That includes purchasing equipment - eight used and two spare buses - and hiring help. Establishing a name for the bus company is also in the works.

In the early hours after Gov. Michael Dukakis' surprise announcement Tuesday that he would not seek re-election, a for-

mer Andover legislator is one of several names being mentioned as a candidate in the now wide-open 1990 election. Former selectman, state representative and Republican congressman Paul W. Cronin was quoted in the media yesterday as saying he is "90-percent sure" he would run for the governorship. Although not available for comment by presstime, a state party member and long-time associate confirmed that Cronin is leaning towards entering the race.

Senior guard John Russell swished the second of his last-minute three-point shots with no time left on the clock in regulation, and Andover High then outscored Lowell 9-4 in overtime en route to a big 58-53 upset victory over Lowell in boys' basketball action this past Tuesday night. The victory hiked the Golden Warriors' overall record to 3-1, while Lowell slipped to 4-2. It was the MVC opener for both teams. The game was close from start to finish, AHS clinging to a slim 22-20 halftime lead, Lowell pulling ahead 34-33 after three quarters, and the Warriors staging a furious last-minute rally capped by Russell's two clutch three-pointers. In overtime, junior forward John Thompson pocketed three free throws, Russell hit a pair of charities, senior center Todd Musterait had a bucket, and Stefan Tomlinson contributed two points. For the game Thompson and Musterait shared high honors with 15 points apiece, Russell finished with 13, and sophomore point guard Matt Perry scored six (including a three-pointer). Lowell is considered the pre-season favorite to win the MVC title.

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OBITUARIES

Paula A. Chlebowski AHS grad was a secretary for several area companies

Paula A. Chlebowski, 51, of Andover died Tuesday, Jan. 5, at home after a long illness.

Ms. Chlebowski was born in Lawrence. She graduated from Andover High and Northern Essex Community College in Haverhill.

Ms. Chlebowski was a secretary for several area companies.

She was a member of Tower Hill Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Members of her family include her brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth S. and Noreen Chlebowski of Andover; sister and brother-in-law, Deborah J. and James Neas of Andover; one niece and one nephew.

A memorial service was held Saturday in Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Lawrence.

Arrangements were by Boles Memorial-Baron-McAuliffe-Yameen Funeral Home in Lawrence.

Eleanor R. Davis Was a bookkeeper for Davis Construction Co. and Rolling Green Service Center

Eleanor R. Davis, 74, of Andover died Monday, Jan. 4, at home.

Mrs. Davis was born in Everett. She had lived in North Reading before she moved to Andover in 1965.

Mrs. Davis was a bookkeeper for Davis Construction Co. and Rolling

Green Service Center, both in Andover. She had also worked for Antech Pools of Middleton.

Members of her family include her husband of 55 years, George W. Davis of Andover; son and daughter-in-law, Lawrence A. and Bonnie Davis of Massachusetts; daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Keith Winslow of Salem, N.H.; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and an aunt.

A memorial service was held Friday in First Congregational Church in Salem, N.H.

Arrangements were by Douglas & Johnson Funeral Home, also in Salem.

Memorial contributions may be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice, 1 Water St., Haverhill, MA 01830.

Joseph Jagolto Longtime Andover resident worked at Malden Mills

Joseph Jagolto, 83, of 150 Salem St., died Tuesday, Jan. 5, at Lawrence General Hospital.

Mr. Jagolto was born in Salem, Mass., and was a longtime resident of Andover.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and had received many medals. During his three years, he served in Asia and was discharged as a sergeant.

Mr. Jagolto worked at Malden Mills in Lawrence for many years.

He attended St. Augustine Church. He enjoyed nature, birds and walking and was a devoted uncle.

Members of his family include his

brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Carmen (Barojas) Ostrowski of Andover; nieces, Patricia Roderick of Harwich, Jean Giles of Andover, Gabriella Bartley of Portsmouth, N.H., and Anastasia Bartley of Boulder, Colo.; nephew, Charles Murnane of Andover; and many grandnieces, grandnephews, great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews.

A funeral Mass was said Thursday in St. Michael's Church in North Andover. Burial was in St. Augustine's Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jimmy Fund.

Eleanor Svenson Lifelong resident was textile inspector at Marland Mills and at W.T. Grant

Eleanor (Ormsby) Svenson, 92, of Lowell Street died Wednesday, Jan. 7, at Penacook Place in Haverhill.

The lifelong resident of Andover graduated from Punchard High in 1925.

She was a textile inspector at Marland Mills and at W.T. Grant, both of Andover, before she retired.

Mrs. Svenson was a lifelong member of Christ Church and a 25-year volunteer for the Christ Church Thrift Shop.

The accomplished seamstress made quilts for her family and friends.

Members of her family include her son and daughter-in-law, Wilfred R. "Buster" and Arlene Svenson Jr. of

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Deaths Elsewhere

PARENT - Lillian A. (Moreau) Parent, 76, of Lawrence died Monday, Jan. 11, at Lawrence General Hospital.

Members of her family include her daughter and son-in-law, Marcelle and Roger Boulanger of Andover.

RONSIVALLI - Nicholas Ronsivalli, 75, of Merrimack died Saturday, Jan. 9, at home.

He was a manager at Raytheon in Andover for 25 years until he retired.

Members of his family include his sister, Mary Furnari of Andover.

TRASK - Frank A. Trask, 97, died Wednesday, Jan. 6, at Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center in Methuen.

Members of his family include his son and daughter-in-law, Robert K. and Eleanor Trask of Andover.

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Those who wish to have a complete obituary published about a person who did not live in Andover can pay for a death notice. The cost of a death notice depends on the length of the notice. Questions? Call Jack Grady or Taylor Armerding at 475-1943.

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Yuk Chun Lau Lived in Andover and in Hong Kong with her son

Yuk Chun (Chow) Lau, 72, died Friday, Jan. 8, at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

Mrs. Lau was born in Hong Kong, China. The devoted wife, mother and grandmother lived in Andover and in Hong Kong with her son.

Members of her family include her husband, Cham Lau of Hong Kong; sons David Lau of Andover and his wife, Judy Lau, Edwin Lau of Hong Kong and his wife, Lisa Lau, and Steven Lau, also of Hong Kong; daughters, Anna Lau of Medford, Sandie Stracqualursi, also of Medford, and her husband, William Stracqualursi, Victoria Kong of Hong Kong and her husband, Lawrence Kong, and Jenny Eng of Andover and her husband, Stephen Eng; two brothers, two sisters; and seven grandchildren.

Calling hours are scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 16, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Charles F. Dewhirst, Edgerley & Bessom Funeral Home, 33 Pearson St. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be private in Puritan Lawn Memorial Park in Peabody.

Memorial contributions may be made to Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Research Development Office, 100 Charles River Plaza, Suite 600, Boston, MA 02114-2792.

Dorothy E. Westover Was a lab technician

Dorothy E. (Maidment) Westover, 85, died Sunday, Jan. 10, at Wingate at Andover.

Mrs. Westover was born in Frelighsburg, Canada.

She was a lab technician for Transiron in Wakefield.

Members of her family include her daughters, Phyllis Furey and Judy Canuel, both of Andover, Shirley LaFave of Lawrence, Ruth Glynn of Tewksbury, Linda Dow of Maryland and Norma Lanardo of Woburn and her husband, Paul Lanardo; son and daughter-in-law, Leonard E. and Marie Westover of Tewksbury; sisters, Alice Maidment of Tewksbury and Marjorie Jonas of Long Island, N.Y.; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was the widow of Leonard E. Westover.

A memorial service will be held Friday, Jan. 15, at 10 a.m. at Burke Funeral Home, 390 North Main St.

Mrs. Westover's body was donated to UMass Medical School.

Memorial contributions may be made to UMass Medical Center, Anatomical Gift Department, 55 Lake Ave. North, Worcester, MA 01655.

SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

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Cones For Kids will benefit local swimmers

For the 18th consecutive year, local Friendly's Restaurants will conduct its annual Cones For Kids Campaign through Feb. 14. Proceeds will fund Easter Seals adaptive swim programs in communities in Massachusetts.

For a \$1 donation to Easter Seals, the Cones For Kids campaign offers five kids' Valentine cards, each redeemable for a free Friendly's kid cone.

A book of money-saving coupons is also available for a \$1 donation. The Friendly's Coupon Book includes a coupon for a free Classic Sundae, \$45 in savings on some favorite Friendly's menu items, and a coupon for a free 8x10-inch color portrait from Photography by JC Penney.

"The money raised in our restaurants stays right here in our community and helps our friends and neighbors with disabilities," said Friendly's

district manager Steve Barboza. "The money raised this year in Andover will pay for local swim programs. It's all possible because of our loyal guests and hard-working employees."

Photographs at Library exhibited as part of Chinese celebration

Memorial Hall Library will feature the work of Richard Yee during January, which is being observed as Chinese Month at the library. Yee is a fellow of Britain's Royal Photographic Society and has had solo exhibitions at the Peabody Museum and Addison Gallery of American Art.

All his photographs are representative excerpts from his journeys, indicative of Yee's desire to find the China of his youth. A reception will be held Tuesday, Jan. 19, from 7 to 8 p.m. His work will be on display until Feb. 1 during regular library hours.

Get those hearts pumping

The Bradford Valentine Road Race will be held Saturday, Feb. 13, snow or sun. The five miles (USATF certified) and 6K (3.7-mile) races will begin at 10 a.m. at Bradford Common, Route 125, Bradford, and end there. All entries are \$15. Individual male/female age categories are 14 and under, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 and over. Couples' teams categories are open male/female, husband/wife, father/daughter and mother/son. Top finishers in each division will receive awards. All finishers will receive a special Valentine gift.

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Bean supper Saturday

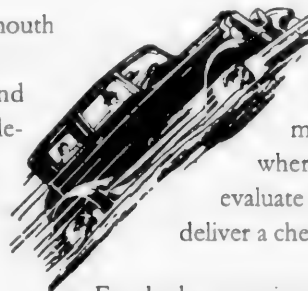
Sacred Heart Parish, 321 South Broadway, Lawrence, will hold a bean supper Saturday, Jan. 16, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children under 12.

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Business

Business briefs ...

Chamber is a host at municipal convention

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce will host the communities of Andover, Lawrence, Methuen and North Andover Friday, Jan. 15, and Saturday, Jan. 16, at the 1999 Massachusetts Municipal Association annual meeting and trade show at the Boston Marriott Copley Place.

According to Chamber President Joseph Bevilacqua, "This quality trade show, sponsored by the Massachusetts Municipal Association, is an excellent opportunity for our member communities to exhibit business and commercial development opportunities for their respective communities. In addition, it provides an opportunity for state officials to see a proactive economic development approach of a chamber and communities working together to promote economic growth and job creation in the Valley. This approach offered by the Merrimack Valley Chamber is yet another example of the chamber's leadership in bringing together government and the business community."

The trade show is free and open to the public.

The Merrimack Valley Chamber is the largest chamber serving members throughout the Merrimack Valley. For information, call 686-0900 or visit the chamber's Web site at www.merrimack-valleychamber.com.

Erdem completes realtor courses

Martha Erdem of Prudential Howe and Doherty successfully completed Course 101 and 301 of the Massachusetts Association of Realtors Realtor Institute (GRI) program held in Waltham and Woburn.



The two-day course is designed for realtors and realtor-associates who wish to learn more about current issues and trends. The GRI courses are two of six, 15-hour courses that comprise the 90-hour Realtor Institute program. Upon completion of the six courses, participants earn the nationally-recognized Graduate, Realtor Institute (GRI) designation.

The curriculum includes such subjects as residential construction and design, listings, pricing property, marketing, law, finance, ethics, management, advertising, real estate calculation and

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Desperately seeking workers

You could call them the signs of the times.

In downtown Andover, just before the Christmas vacation, blue sheets of paper appeared, taped to light poles, offering a "Sign On Bonus" to come to work for Friendly's restaurant as a grill cook, in fountain preparation or as a dishwasher.

At the door of the CVS Pharmacy on Main Street, the sheet was yellow, but the message was essentially the same: CVS is looking for workers, on all shifts. "Stop in and join the team today," the sign pleaded.

At the Wild Harvest, the message is the same. Come on in and go to work.

In other words, local employers probably didn't need the most recent announcement from the Massachusetts Division of Employment and Training (DET) to tell them that the economy is about as close to full employment as it ever gets.

According to the DET, the Massachusetts unemployment rate fell to 2.9 percent in November, the lowest it has been in more than 11 years, since July 1987. And that was before the holiday shopping season really got into gear.

It was also 1.5 percent less than the national average of 4.4 percent. And it meant nearly 3.2-million people were working — a record number in the state.

It also meant that fewer people in Massachusetts were unemployed than at anytime since November 1987.

And while manufacturing jobs actually declined by 2,000, the retail sector added half again as many more.

All of which is great news for people who need jobs, particularly those looking to pick up some extra cash while on break from school, or to get something part-time during the day while the kids are in school.

But the downside of a roaring economy is, as CVS General Manager Steve Withee puts it, "We always seem to be down a half-dozen people. Right now, we're down five or six cashiers and a couple of managers."



Photos by Carol Van Doren

Come on down — Local businesses, like the CVS Pharmacy and Friendly's restaurant, are offering incentives for entry level positions, since the local labor market is so tight.

Withee says it gets tough at certain, predictable times of the year, mainly in September when students go back to school, and at holiday times. But he suspects things may be even worse in Andover than in other communities because of the generally high income level. "A lot of the kids really don't have to work, and they're involved in so many other activities," he says.

Steve Stapinski, chairman of the Andover Chamber of Commerce, agrees, noting that he has also seen the signs around town in a number of places.

"I've seen the signs at Wild Harvest and Demoulas, and wondered, 'What's happened to all the high-school kids?' since that has traditionally been the (entry-level) labor supply," he says, "and it seems that there are a number of factors."

Stapinski says he brought the issue up at a recent meeting of the local chamber's board of directors, where Andover Schools Superintendent Claudia Bach and Phillips Academy Head of School Barbara Landis Chase spoke, "and they were saying that if the kids don't do 20 hours of homework a week, that hurts their academics. So with all the emphasis lately on (test) scores,

there seems to be less emphasis on kids going out and getting jobs."

He also agrees that students seem to be involved in more activities than ever before, from athletics to clubs.

"Then you add to that the fact that the economy is so good," he says. "It may be that there is the same number of kids, but there's more of a demand for them."

Indeed, even when there are students looking to work, there aren't enough of them. "Frank Vacirca (superintendent of the Greater Lawrence Technical School) told me 'I've got this great co-op program, but I don't have as many kids as (local businesses) want,'" Stapinski says.

Withee says the recruitment methods remain pretty much the same as they have — posting signs, using word of mouth and even calling other CVS pharmacies in the region, to see if they have applicants. The pay, he notes, is better than minimum wage, at \$5.75 to \$7.75, "but then we're trying to compete with the Rockingham Mall, where they're starting them at \$6.50."

"It's always tough, but it's probably tougher now than it has been for about five years. It's just a hard time to get workers."

— Taylor Armerding

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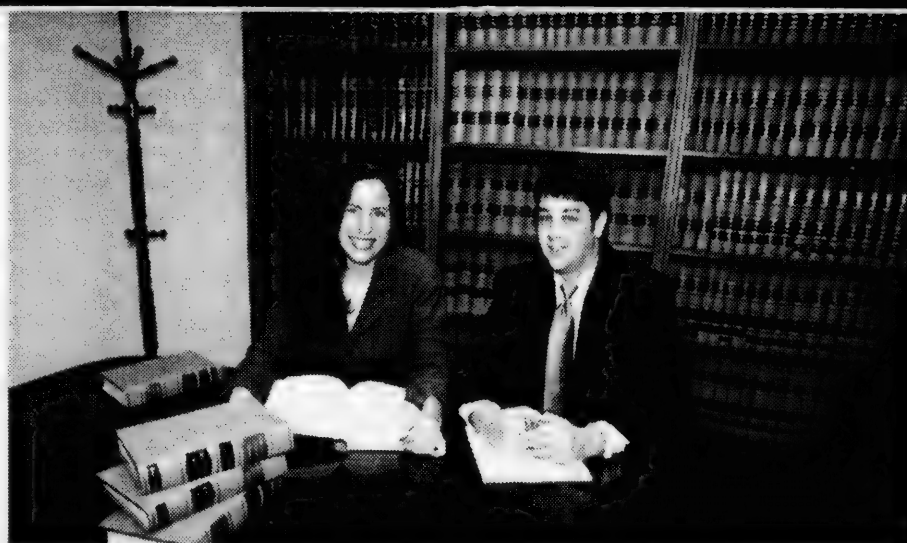
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BUSINESS

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The Massachusetts Association of Realtors sponsors institute program courses at locations around the state each year. More than 2,500 realtors in Massachusetts have earned the GRI designation. There are more than 82,000 GRI designees nationwide.

Gangi receives Hammer Award

Victor J. Gangi, of Andover, an investigator with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's New England District Office, recently received the Hammer Award in a ceremony at Biopure Corporation in Cambridge.



Victor Gangi

Gangi was one of 12 FDA staff members who worked closely with representatives of area biotechnology firms to improve working relations between industry and government. Their efforts resulted in the creation of a biotechnology pilot initiative designed to accelerate product approval by educating industry as to how it can comply with often complicated and demanding government regulations and inspection requirements.

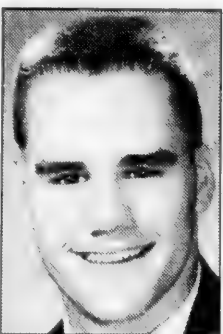
The project also helped government investigators gain experience in emerging technology.

The Hammer Award is given to federal employees and their counterparts in industry who have advanced Vice President Gore's National Partnership for Reinventing Government by cutting red tape, improving federal service, and helping create a government that works better and costs less.

Gangi is an eight-year veteran of the FDA.

Morrow licensed as physical therapist

Michael J. Morrow, of Andover, has successfully completed board examinations to practice as a physical therapist.



Michael Morrow

He was a June 1998, cum laude graduate of Northeastern University's Bouve School of Health and Sciences in the physical therapy program. He completed internships at Chapel Hill, N. C., and Dallas, Texas rehabilitation facilities, and served several internships at New England Medical Center in Boston.

Morrow is a product of St. Augustine School and Central Catholic High School, where he was active in many sports and activities.

He is practicing physical therapy as a licensed physical therapist in Dallas.

PAN adds new accounts

PAN Communications Inc., a full service public relations agency, announced five new accounts for its fashion and consumer and trade show portfolios. They include:

- Alden Merrell Corp., of Newburyport, a national wholesale manufacturer and specialty retailer of desserts, with stores in Salem, Newburyport, Brookline, Sudbury and Newton.

- Cole-Haan, of Yarmouth, Maine, a manufacturer and specialty retailer of men's and women's handcrafted leather footwear and accessories.

- Legends & Heroes, of Boston, is a men's casual lifestyle clothing company.

- Sahvatex Inc., of Woonsocket, R.I., is a medical research and device company specializing in home medical equipment.

"These additions enhance PAN's diverse portfolios, and allow us to keep consistently working in many different industries," said **Philip A. Nardone**, president and founder of the three-year-old agency.

Pytko named CEO of Streamware Corp.

Stephen M. Pytko, of Andover, has joined Streamware Corp. as chief executive officer and chairman of the board. Streamware is a provider of market research data, software systems, and information to the vending industry.



Stephen Pytko

Founded in 1991 by **Glenn Butler** and **John Roughneen**, the company has increased its revenues six-fold in the past 18 months and doubled its employee base. This growth prompted the founders to recruit Pytko, former president and CEO of Biscum, a producer of enterprise-wide software and hardware that enables desktop faxing. The firm's clients included Fidelity Investments, Nike, Hewlett-Packard, and Tektronix.

Pytko also co-founded the market research company Strategic Decisions, which provided office automation market information to Xerox and Hewlett-Packard. Under his leadership, Strategic Decisions grew to 135 consultants and was later sold to NYNEX.

Streamware founder and president Roughneen said Pytko "brings to his role qualifications that are ideally suited for the strategic direction in which we are heading."

Streamware's flagship software product is VendMAX, a fully integrated system with Windows-based software and a state-of-the-art handheld. The company's complementary market research product, InfoVend, is the first comprehensive market data subscription service based on actual sales from vending machines nationwide.

"Vending is a \$30-billion industry," said Pytko, "and my goal is to help



Charity close to home — Diana Kiesel, Rotary Club of Andover's community services and charitable events coordinator, shows off some of the more than 40 cases of canned and dry goods collected by the clubs of Andover and North Andover for Thanksgiving. This, along with 150 turkeys donated by Yang's Martial Arts patrons, were delivered to Bread & Roses, The People's Pantry, Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (MSPCC), Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and Catholic Charities. The clubs, in combination with Andover High School Interact — a service club for high school students — also collected 160 gifts for children in a Hanukkah/Christmas drive, which were delivered to the MSPCC holiday party on Dec. 23. The clubs are now conducting an Infant Supplies Drive through Jan. 15. Contributors can drop off disposable diapers, infant formula, toiletries and other supplies for babies in green boxes at First Essex Bank, Andover Bank, Imagine That Florist, Acupuncture of North Andover, Old Andover Travel, Carriage House Photography, Yang's Martial Arts, Memorial Hall Library, the Cafeteria at Brickstone Square, BankBoston and The Savings Bank.

Streamware build on its leadership position in both the software and market research segments of the business. We are already providing essential market research to such food and beverage leaders as Frito-Lay, Nabisco, Hershey Chocolate, and Pepsi, and we have the No. 1 software system with VendMAX. I look forward to applying my skills and experience to help the company maintain its aggressive growth strategy."

Pytko is a graduate of Worcester Polytechnic Institute and received an MBA from the Amos Tuck School at Dartmouth College.

Sarazen named to BBB board of directors

The Eastern Massachusetts Better Business Bureau announced the appointment of **Steve Sarazen** to its board of directors. Sarazen is president

of EXL Group, a consulting firm specializing in employee selection and retention, executive development and leadership, and organizational strategy and change, with offices in Andover and Manchester, N.H.

Prior to founding EXL, Sarazen held worldwide management positions with Digital Equipment Corporation, ranging from production and finance to customer relations, quality, and quality engineering management. He is a noted speaker and author of two books: *Using Quality Improvement Tools* and *Managing the Customer Satisfaction Process*.

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) is a non-profit, public service organization funded by member businesses to strengthen and preserve the free enterprise system. The BBB is committed to providing pre-purchase information and education and determining the reliability of businesses in the marketplace.

Vicor wins \$21 million in civil suit

Vicor Corp., of 25 Frontage Road, won one of the largest jury awards ever granted in a civil suit brought in Essex County.

Vicor's complaint for breach of contract against Reltec Corp. of Cleveland, Ohio and Texas, brought in 1995, concluded this past week with a jury award of \$8.2 million, plus additional damages of \$6.7 million awarded by Judge **Richard E. Welch III**. That plus interest of about \$6.5 million came to more than \$21.4 million.

Vicor had complained that Reltec

was not paying it royalties on electronic modules that convert AC power to DC power, for use in power systems.

After the trial, which lasted about three weeks, the jury found that not only had Reltec cheated Vicor out of royalties, but that it had continued to sell power systems containing Vicor technology after Vicor had notified Reltec that their relationship was terminated.

Judge Welch ruled that the withholding of royalties was "willful."

Sports

AHS ROUNDUP: Boys basketball, girls gymnastics keys to successful week

By Rick Harrison

Thrilling victories by the Andover High boys varsity basketball team, and the girls gymnastics squad, highlighted a successful week for AHS athletics.

Mark Rocca's dramatic, buzzer-beating three-pointer with two seconds left in regulation, an estimated 35-foot bomb, enabled the hoopsters to force overtime and eventually pull out a pulsating 80-74 double-OT victory against visiting Lowell at the Dunn Gym.

There was also a much easier 66-46 win Tuesday night against Lawrence.

The two recent games saw the emergence of a junior 6'6" center Paul Wysocki as a major force. He poured through a career-high 37 points against Lowell and netted 23 more versus Lawrence to complete an impressive 60-point week.

The gymnasts, in their early-season showdown with co-favorite Masconomet Regional of Topsfield, may have clinched the Merrimack Valley Conference championship with an oh-so-close 134.40 to 134.30 triumph at the Dunn Gym.

The crucial win wasn't officially secured until a scoring mistake was corrected following senior Capt. Lindsey Rudolph's floor exercise routine.

Girls basketball improved to 7-3 at the mid-point of the regular season, and the boys swim team split a pair of recent MVC dual meets.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Andover High girls varsity basketball team moved closer to an MIAA Division 1 North Tournament berth with convincing Merrimack Valley Conference wins over Lowell (51-37) and Tewksbury (61-40).

ANDOVER SCORING GIRLS BASKETBALL (10 games)

	FG	FT	Pts
Janice Coppolino	48	13	109
Lisa Tisbert	32	8	77
Shannon Sweeney	30	12	72
Lindsey Pearson	31	8	70
Michelle Danis	26	12	64
Kristen Swoboda	21	11	53
Megan Pinksten	19	7	45
Katie Kramer	5	10	20
Leah Spires	4	0	8
Kaitlin Dargan	1	4	6
Jill Oppenheim	2	1	5
Jessie DeFrancisco	1	0	2

3-pointers: Lisa Tisbert 5.

Those victories followed the heart-breaking one-point setback to Haverhill (42-41).

At the halfway mark of the season the Lady Warriors stand 7-3, needing just three more victories to secure another tourney berth.

"I never thought we'd be 7-3 after 10 games," said coach Jim Tildsley. "The girls are working very hard."

The tough loss to Haverhill was the Lady Warriors' first defeat at home in almost three years.

The Hillies were also the last team to beat AHS on the Dunn Gym hardwood, 74-37 on Feb. 2, 1996 when the Muller twins were sophomores. The winning streak had reached 27 straight games.

Schedule

The locals return to the court this evening (5 p.m.) in Topsfield with a non-league rematch against host Masconomet Regional. AHS slugged the Lady Chieftains 56-33 two days before Christmas.

The next MVC game is Tuesday at home against Billerica (7:30 p.m.), and the much-anticipated second of three battles with Methuen is next Friday (Jan. 22) at the Rangers' Field House.

Injury report

Junior guard Lindsey Pearson suffered a mild concussion after hitting her head on the floor following a collision with a Haverhill player during that recent game.

She complained of dizziness the following day in school, and sat out the win over Lowell two nights later on doctor's orders. She returned for the Tewksbury game.

Senior center and team-high scorer Janice Coppolino missed most of the first half against Tewksbury, suffering a strained knee after crashing to the floor. However, after the knee was iced down she was able to return in the second half and contribute to the victory.

Scoring leaders

Janice Coppolino leads the Lady Warriors after 10 games with 109 points.

Following in

order are Lisa Tisbert with 77, Shannon Sweeney 72, Lindsey Pearson 70, Michelle Danis 64, Kristen Swoboda 53 and Megan Pinksten 45.

Andover 61 Tewksbury 40

With Janice Coppolino nursing her knee injury, Tewksbury (3-6) was able to stay close in the first half and trailed only 29-24 at the break.

"It just shows how much we need the experienced players in the lineup," said coach Tildsley. "We struggled without Lindsey (Pearson) against Lowell, and we needed Janice in the second half of this game to break it open. The veterans do an excellent job of helping the younger kids along."

AHS bolted to a quick 7-0 lead before Coppolino left, and after her return in the second half the locals pulled away with a 32-16 scoring burst.

Freshman forward Shannon Sweeney shared game-high honors with 15 points, to which she added eight assists, six steals and two blocked shots.

Sophomore guard Lisa Tisbert had 13 points and played her best defensive game of the season, while

GIRLS BASKETBALL

ANDOVER 61, TEWKSBURY 40

at Tewksbury High

Andover — Michelle Danis 3-2-8, Shannon Sweeney 7-1-15, Lisa Tisbert 5-1-13, Lindsey Pearson 3-0-6, Janice Coppolino 2-1-5, Katie Kramer 0-0-0, Kristen Swoboda 1-2-4, Megan Pinksten 1-2-4, Kaitlin Dargan 0-2-2, Jill Oppenheim 1-0-2, Leah Spires 1-0-2, Jessie DeFrancisco 0-0-0. Totals: 24-11-61.

Tewksbury — Pat Breslin 0-3-3, Kerry Ford 5-2-15, Lisa Penney 0-2-2, Nicole Venuti 2-1-5, Jill Burke 0-2-2, Caitlin O'Brien 2-2-6, Jill Poirier 1-1-3, Maureen Cronin 2-0-4. Totals: 12-13-40.

Halftime: Andover, 29-24. 3-pointers: A, Tisbert 2; T, Ford 3.

Rebounds: A, Danis 13, Coppolino 11, Swoboda 9, Pearson 5. Assists: A, Sweeney 8, Pearson 4, Kramer 4. Steals: A, Sweeney 6, Kramer 5, Coppolino 5. Blocked Shots: A, Coppolino 4, Sweeney 2, Danis 1. Records: Andover 7-3, Tewksbury 3-6.

ANDOVER 51, LOWELL 37

at Riddick Field House, Lowell

Andover — Michelle Danis 6-3-15, Shannon Sweeney 5-0-10, Lisa Tisbert 7-0-14, Janice Coppolino 2-0-4, Katie Kramer 0-1-1, Kristen Swoboda 1-2-4, Megan Pinksten 1-1-3, Kaitlin Dargan 0-0-0, Jill Oppenheim 0-0-0. Totals: 22-7-51.

Lowell — Carmen Alvarado 5-3-13, Yvette Rodriguez 0-1-1, Takia Lucas 1-0-2, Katherine Kennedy 1-0-2, Estrella Kuilan 1-4-6, Katie Rogers 3-3-9, Jenn Scannell 1-0-2, Erin Barry 1-0-2. Totals: 13-11-37.

Halftime: Andover, 27-20. 3-pointers: None. Rebounds: A, Coppolino 15, Danis 10, Pinksten 6; L, Kuilan 8. Assists: A, Coppolino 6, Tisbert 4, Sweeney 4. Steals: Danis 5, Sweeney 5, Kramer 4. Blocked Shots: Coppolino 4, Sweeney 4. Record: Lowell 3-6.

HAVERHILL 42, ANDOVER 41

at Dunn Gymnasium

Haverhill — Melissa Cerasuolo 0-3-3, Julie Szabo 2-7-12, Tricia Guertin 1-0-2, Meghan Welcome 0-1-1, Nicole Leger 3-0-6, Sara Rodgers 9-0-18. Totals: 15-11-42.

Andover — Michelle Danis 0-0-0, Shannon Sweeney 6-1-13, Lisa

Tisbert 0-0-0, Lindsey Pearson 4-1-9, Janice Coppolino 5-2-12, Kristen Swoboda 2-0-4, Katie Kramer 0-0-0, Megan Pinksten 1-1-3. Totals: 18-5-41.

Halftime: Andover, 27-21. 3-pointers: H, Szabo 1. Rebounds: A, Coppolino 12, Pearson 10, Pinksten 9, Sweeney 6, Swoboda 6. Assists: A, Pearson 4, Sweeney 3. Steals: A, Coppolino 4, Sweeney 3. Record: Haverhill 7-1.

ANDOVER 61, BISHOP FENWICK 26

at Dunn Gymnasium

Bishop Fenwick — Leigh Shea 2-0-4, Caitlin O'Donnell 1-0-2, Lisa Juden 0-6-6, Kate Adams 1-0-2, Jill Pizzotti 0-1-1, Kelly Baril 3-2-8, Meghan King 1-1-3. Totals: 8-10-26.

Andover — Michelle Danis 3-0-6, Shannon Sweeney 2-3-7, Lisa Tisbert 3-1-8, Lindsey Pearson 4-0-8, Janice Coppolino 5-1-11, Kaitlin Dargan 1-0-2, Jill Oppenheim 0-1-1, Leah Spires 1-0-2, Jessie DeFrancisco 0-0-0, Kristen Swoboda 2-0-4, Katie Kramer 1-2-4, Megan Pinksten 4-0-8. Totals: 26-8-61.

Halftime: Andover, 27-14. 3-pointers: A, Tisbert 1. Rebounds: A, Coppolino 7, Pinksten 6, Sweeney 6, Danis 6. Assists: A, Tisbert 5, Pearson 5, Kramer 4, Coppolino 4, Sweeney 3. Steals: A, Kramer 4, Coppolino 4, Sweeney 3. Blocked Shots: A, Coppolino 3. Record: Bishop Fenwick 4-4.

METHUEN 67, ANDOVER 51

Gr. Lawrence Christmas Festival
Championship Game
at Methuen Field House

Andover — Michelle Danis 2-0-4, Shannon Sweeney 2-0-4, Lisa Tisbert 1-0-2, Lindsey Pearson 4-0-8, Janice Coppolino 7-3-17, Kristen Swoboda 7-2-16, Katie Kramer 0-0-0, Megan Pinksten 0-0-0. Totals: 23-5-51.

Methuen — Amy Johnson 8-1-17, Laura Curry 3-2-8, Katherine Curry 4-0-8, Hilary Glynn 3-2-11, Jillian Middlemiss 3-0-7, Lisa Golobski 8-0-16. Totals: 29-5-67.

Halftime: Methuen, 30-28. 3-pointers: M, Glynn 3, Middlemiss 1. Rebounds: A, Coppolino 14, Swoboda 9. Assists: Pearson 6, Sweeney 4, Coppolino 4. Record: Methuen 8-0.

Field House.

"We finally started making some shots and stepped up our defense down the stretch," said coach Tildsley.

"Before that it was a pretty sloppy game. Our intensity level wasn't as high as it has been. It was an ugly win — but they all count and we'll take it."

The absence of injured Lindsey Pearson was noticeable.

"Lindsey is the glue that holds our defense together," said Tildsley. "But in this game, without her, we had a lot of breakdowns."

Michelle Danis had her best game with 15 points, 10 rebounds and five steals, while Lisa Tisbert also scored double figures with 14 points and passed out four assists.

Shannon Sweeney contributed 10 points, five steals, four assists and four blocked shots.

Janice Coppolino netted four points and added a game-high 15 rebounds, 6 assists and four blocked shots.

Kristen Swoboda tossed in four points, Megan Pinksten had three points and six boards, and Katie Kramer had four steals to go with her one free throw.

Carmen Alvarado paced Lowell (2-7) with 13 points, Katie Rogers pocketed nine and freshman six-foot center Estrella Kuilan contributed six points and eight rebounds.

The Lady Warriors led 27-20 at the half.

Haverhill 42
Andover 41

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NCAA trying to adjust to the Muller twins

By Rick Harrison

Freshman 5'7" guard Charlotte Muller of Andover has scored 39 points in 11 games for the NCAA Division 1 Lehigh University women's basketball team.

Andover High's all-time leading scorer has played in every game,

120 minutes total, and hit 13-of-36 field goal attempts including 8-of-24 three-pointers (33 percent).

She is also 5-of-7 from the free throw line and has 17 rebounds, nine assists and nine steals.

Twin sister Sarah has played eight minutes and has one steal to

her credit.

Lehigh was 7-4 after its first 11 games with victories including those over Princeton (48-40), University of Pennsylvania (71-62) and Yale (68-66).

AHS ROUNDUP

(Continued from page 37)

"We matched up a lot better against Haverhill than I thought we would," said Tildsley.

Andover led 27-21 at the half and maintained that six-point lead, 41-35, with 2:40 to play in the game.

But a combination of turnovers, poor shooting and tough Haverhill defense held the locals scoreless the rest of the way, as the Hillies used a 7-0 closing run to squeeze out the victory.

Meghan Welcome's free throw in the closing seconds, her only point of the game, broke the 41-41 tie and sealed the victory.

Andover's final possession was short-circuited by a traveling violation, the 24th turnover of the game.

"The loss was disappointing but the effort was very encouraging," said Tildsley. "Our girls played hard. We should have won the game. Even (Haverhill coach) Kevin (Woelfel) said afterward we played well enough to win, and he doesn't make statements like that often."

"Our defense was outstanding and we rebounded well. But we couldn't buy a basket in the final three minutes. We had at least five offensive rebounds down the stretch and couldn't put them home."

"The four freshmen all played well and Shannon Sweeney had her best game of the year," said Tildsley.

Sweeney led the locals with 13 points, six rebounds, three assists and three steals.

Janice Coppolino contributed 12 points, 12 rebounds and four steals, while Lindsey Pearson was close behind with nine points, 10 boards and four assists.

Kristen Swoboda produced four points and six rebounds, and Megan Pinksten three points, nine boards.

Andover held an 18-15 edge in field goals, but the visiting Hillies were a pivotal 11-for-20 at the free throw line to just 5-of-9 for AHS.

Sara Rodgers was game-high scorer for Haverhill with 18 points, notching nine of the winners' 15 field goals, and Julie Szabo added 12 points including the game's only trifecta.

"Rodgers killed us," said Tildsley. "A couple times she hit turnarounds with only one or two seconds left on the shot clock."

BOYS BASKETBALL

The Andover High boys varsity basketball team, a.k.a. the Cardiac Kids, are getting plenty of practice at late-game heroics and come-from-behind victories.

And, to coach Dave Fazio's delight, the Golden Warriors have become expert at raising their level of play at crunch time.

AHS, which rallied in the final seconds to squeeze past Methuen 55-53 in their Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament third-place consolation game, made that one look like child's play next to the electrifying 80-74 double-overtime triumph against Lowell in the very next game.

AHS added a much tamer 66-46

triumph over Lawrence on Tuesday night, boosting the overall record to 5-2 and the Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 mark to 3-1.

Schedule

Andover travels to Methuen (3-6) tomorrow night for a rematch of the GLTC third-place consolation game (7:30 p.m.), and next Tuesday night the locals are at winless Billerica (7:30).

Scoring leaders

Tom McLaughlin, one of the leading scorers in the state, has 160 points after seven games for a healthy 22.8 per game average.

Wysocki, who has missed a game, has 119 points and a 19.8 average.

Andover 66 Lawrence 46

The visiting Lancers (2-7) kept things interesting for one half, trailing by only four points at the break (28-24).

But Andover came out firing on all cylinders after intermission, outscoring the visitors 38-22 in the final 16 minutes to win going away.

The margin of victory was almost identical to the 21-point difference in the Golden Warriors' 70-49 Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament quarterfinal round decision over Lawrence.

Paul Wysocki netted a game-high 23 points and Tom McLaughlin added 13 as the only Andover players in double figures.

Junior guard Pat Murnane had a

personal season-high eight points while Mark Rocca, Dave Cordima and Capt. Brian Anderson contributed four points each.

Paul Bellacqua and Brad Stubenhaus nailed a three-pointer each, the first of the season for Bellacqua, while Chris Demko and senior guard Dan Karahalios added a basket apiece.

Andover 80 Lowell 74 (2 OT)

Wide-body pivotman Paul Wysocki's career-high 37-point explosion, and Mark Rocca's 35-foot prayer that was answered at the end of regulation, sparked the Golden Warriors to the pulsating victory after a six-day layoff.

Andover rolled out to a 29-20 half-time lead at the Dunn Gym, but strong second-half efforts by the Red Raiders' Bob Michalczyk, Jimmo Neal and Jack Farrell had the visitors ahead 56-53 in the closing seconds.

That's when senior guard Rocca produced his miracle three-point shot to force overtime.

Both teams netted six points in the

BOYS BASKETBALL

ANDOVER 66, LAWRENCE 46 at Dunn Gymnasium

Lawrence — Garcia 3-2-9, Victor 1-0-3, West 1-0-2, Disla 3-1-10, Nunez 1-3-5, Martino 3-3-11, Martinez 2-0-4, Hanlon 1-0-2. **Totals:** 15-9-46.

Andover — Brad Stubenhaus 1-0-3, Mark Rocca 2-0-4, Tom McLaughlin 4-4-13, Paul Bellacqua 1-0-3, Pat Murnane 3-2-8, Paul Wysocki 7-9-23, Brian Anderson 2-0-4, Matt Brooks 0-0-0, Dan Karahalios 1-0-2, Chris Demko 1-0-2, Dave Cordima 1-2-4, Rob Bolway 0-0-0. **Totals:** 23-17-66.

Halftime: Andover, 28-24. **3-pointers:** A, Stubenhaus 1, McLaughlin 1, Bellacqua 1; L, Disla 3, Martino 2, Garcia 1, Victor 1. **Records:** Andover 5-2, Lawrence 2-7.

ANDOVER 80, LOWELL 74 (2 OT) at Dunn Gymnasium

Lowell — Jim Cardaci 4-2-11, Bob Michalczyk 7-3-17, Jimmo Neal 6-2-14, Marcus Wilson 4-0-9, Jack Farrell 6-2-14, Josh Rivera 3-2-9. **Totals:** 30-11-74.

Andover — Brad Stubenhaus 3-0-6, Mark Rocca 3-6-13, Tom McLaughlin 1-11-13, Paul Bellacqua 1-0-2, Pat Murnane 1-0-2, Paul Wysocki 13-11-37, Brian Anderson 3-1-7. **Totals:** 25-29-80.

Halftime: Andover, 29-20. **Regulation:** Tied, 56-56. **First Overtime:** Tied, 62-62. **3-pointers:** A, Rocca 1; L, Cardaci 1, Wilson 1, Rivera 1. **Record:** Lowell 5-5.

ANDOVER SCORING

BOYS BASKETBALL (7 games)

	FG	FT	Pts
Tom McLaughlin	49	41	160
Paul Wysocki	45	29	119
Brad Stubenhaus	16	4	41
Brian Anderson	13	8	34
Mark Rocca	8	12	30
Dave Cordima	11	4	28
Pat Murnane	7	6	20
Chris Demko	7	5	19
Paul Bellacqua	5	6	17
Dan Karahalios	1	0	2

3-pointers: Tom McLaughlin 21; Brad Stubenhaus 5; Dave Cordima 2; Mark Rocca 2; Paul Bellacqua 1.

ANDOVER SCORING

ICE HOCKEY (8 games)

	G	A	Pts
Tim Sheehy	5	2	7
Mike Sheehy	1	6	7
Keith Espinola	2	4	6
Jon Ofria	2	3	5
Brad Dunn	3	1	4
Mike Thomas	1	3	4
David Morin	1	2	3
Brendan Gleason	1	1	2
Jason Swift	1	1	2
Matt Antaya	1	0	1
Mike Anderson	0	1	1
Bruce Brown	0	1	1
Mike Mallon	0	1	1



Tim Sheehy returns to Andover's bench. Chelmsford went on to beat the Warriors, 7-2, taking the lead for good with four goals in the first period.



Chris Cataldo of AHS (No. 13) battles Chelmsford's Pat Daley for the puck.

Photos by Lisa Adelsberger

AHS winter preview: Alpine ski teams ready to show their athletic skills

By Rick Harrison

The Townsman has previewed 1998-'99 Andover High varsity winter sports teams over a period of several weeks. Today we conclude with boys and girls skiing.

BOYS & GIRLS SKIING

With a strong turnout of 75 candidates for the two teams, Andover High first-year head alpine ski coach Tom Busta and assistant Karl Lippmann are looking forward to another successful winter season.

Fifteen athletes had to be trimmed from the roster, leaving a total of 30 boys and 30 girls (15 varsity, 15 JV) on each squad.

The girls captains are veterans Monica Everett and Beth Schapira, while the 1999 boys team will be led by captains Tim Witman, Nick Kline and Mike Macomber.

"We worked really hard during

our long dryland training," said coach Busta.

Because of a lack of snow through December and early January, the first month of practice consisted of a lot of running and conditioning drills, along with cutting and speed work on the pavement around the high school.

"We set up courses with cones behind the high school, where there is a nice little hill," said Busta. "Using rollerblades we mimicked skiing and worked on balance, tactics on how to approach each gate, and overall technique."

"The kids also worked out hard in the new weight room — concentrating on exercises to build leg strength."

"Dryland was very beneficial because it also enabled the kids to get closer as a team," said Busta. "The down side is we had to cut 15 kids (nine girls, six boys) who worked very hard for a month. We want them back again next year trying just as hard," said Busta.

The Golden Warriors' work ethic has already paid dividends and produced some impressive early-season results.

The their recent North Shore League opener at Bradford Hill, the AHS girls defeated defending league champ and state meet qualifier Masconomet Regional of Topsfield.

"We're extremely excited about the win," said Busta. "Knowing the season is young and that we will continue to get better makes it even more exciting."

Everett, Schapira, Anna Vining, Christine Sherry and Brittany Traynor continue to be the backbone of the Lady Warriors' squad.

Freshman Lisa Tylus and Sherri Conrad, meanwhile, have already shown they will give the top girls in the league a run for their money.

"Our three boys captains are the team leaders on and off the snow,"

said Busta.

"Tim (Witman) is skiing great this year up north and will probably qualify for the Junior Olympics, while Mike (Macomber) can't figure out if he likes his skis on the snow or in the air. He is ranked 13th in the nation in freestyle and will be competing in the Junior Nationals."

"Nick (Kline) is working very hard and skiing well," said Busta. "I'd go to battle with him any day."

Other promising AHS boys skiers include seniors Dave Crandall, Christian Sempere and Kevin Zuena, along with sophomores Ben Davis and Ryan Hayes.

Freshmen Justin Roy, Luke Larson and Ryan Macomber are also expected to be consistent scorers for the locals.

"All I'm asking of the kids is that they continue to work hard," said Busta. "When they do good things will happen. Our future looks bright. We want respect!"

The AHS boys faced St. John's Prep and Masconomet Regional in a tri-meet yesterday at Bradford Hill, and return to the slopes next Tuesday against Methuen and Austin Prep.

The Lady Warriors compete tomorrow against North Andover and Austin Prep, and then have a week off before returning next Friday to begin the second half of the schedule versus Masconomet and Bishop Fenwick.

All meets are at 3:30 p.m.

The annual Interscholastic Race is Feb. 9 at Bradford.

The MIAA State Alpine Ski Championships are Feb. 24 at Berkshire East Ski Area in Charlestown.

The top two teams in the North Shore League automatically qualify for the states, while selected skiers not on those teams can also qualify to compete for individual state slalom and giant slalom titles.

The AHS boys are girls both placed third in the NSL last season with 9-5 and 6-4 records respectively.

AHS ROUNDUP

HOCKEY

Physical and mental lapses plagued the Andover High varsity hockey team as it continued to strive for consistency in two recent games.

The locals' record went to 1-5-2 overall, including 1-1 in Merrimack Valley/Dual County League Division 2 play, following a 3-3 tie with Division 1 Tewksbury and 7-2 loss to Division 1 Chelmsford.

"Even though we have five losses, I maintain that we're fine when our kids come to play and do the things they've been taught," said coach Bill Cullen.

"We tend to play tentative, and revert to bad habits, when the pressure is on. We played a strong Chelmsford team even for two periods in our last game — but that was

ICE HOCKEY		ANDOVER 3, TEWKSBURY 3		Lincoln-Sudbury 1 0 0 — 1	
		at Janas Rink, Lowell		Andover 1 0 1 — 2	
		FIRST PERIOD: 1. T. Anthony Cella (Scott Favreau, Kevin Gilfillan), 8:00.		Shots on goal: Andover 28, Lincoln-Sudbury 21. Goalie: A. Mike Johnson (21 shots, 20 saves).	
		SECOND PERIOD: 2. A. Tim Sheehy 4 (Mike Anderson, Keith Espinola), 4:43; 3. T. Derek Favreau (Josh Westaway), 9:04; 4. A. Espinola 2 (Mike Sheehy), 12:08.			
		THIRD PERIOD: 5. T. Dave DeRoche (SFavreau, DFavreau), 9:47; 6. A. Brendan Gleason 1 (Bruce Brown), 11:28.			
		Andover 0 2 1 — 3			
		Tewksbury 1 1 1 — 3			
		Shots by period: Tewksbury 13-7-12-32, Andover 3-11-6-20. Goalies: A. Mike Johnson (32 shots, 29 saves); T. Kevin Chambers (20 shots, 17 saves). Penalties: Tewksbury 4, Andover 4.			
		ANDOVER 2, LINCOLN-SUDBURY 1		WINTHROP 5, ANDOVER 2	
		at Merrimack Valley Forum		at Winthrop Junior High Rink	
		FIRST PERIOD: 1. A. Dave Morin 1 (Jason Swift), 7:03; 2. LS, 14:51.		FIRST PERIOD: 1. A. Mike Thomas 1 (Jon Ofria), 1:05; 2. W. Gerald DeAngelis (Bob Kneeland), 8:54 (pp).	
		SECOND PERIOD: No scoring.		SECOND PERIOD: 3. W. DeAngelis (Jake Fidler, Ed Rossi), 3:09; 4. W. Bob McFarland (Brian Donahue, Ryan Murphy), 4:28; 5. W. Rossi (Kneeland, DeAngelis), 10:16; 6. A. Tim Sheehy 3 (Mike Sheehy, Mike Mallon), 11:00.	
		THIRD PERIOD: 3. A. Mike Sheehy 1 (Tim Sheehy), 13:43.		THIRD PERIOD: 7. W. DeAngelis (Rossi, Tom Clark), 1:17 (pp).	
				Andover 1 1 0 — 2	
				Winthrop 1 3 1 — 5	
				Shots on goal: Winthrop 31, Andover 22. Goalies: W. Bob DeFreitas (22 shots, 20 saves); A. Mike Johnson (31 shots, 26 saves). Penalties: Andover 9, Winthrop 7.	

after we fell behind 4-0 and the pressure was off," said Cullen.

Schedule

The Golden Warriors end a seven-day layoff with an MV/DCL Division 2 game at Haverhill Saturday at noon, and next Wednesday night the locals host division rival Methuen at the Merrimack Valley Forum (7

p.m.).

Andover 3 Tewksbury 3

A strong 29-save effort by Capt. Mike Johnson in net, and a late goal by sophomore defenseman Brendan Gleason, enabled the Golden Warriors to come away with the Merrimack Valley/Dual County League

inter-division tie at the Janas Rink in Lowell.

Andover spotted the host team a 1-0 first-period lead, then pulled even on a goal by Red Line forward Tim Sheehy at 4:43 of the middle stanza.

Tewksbury regained the advantage less than five minutes later on a Derek Favreau goal, but once again AHS countered when senior Capt.

Keith Espinola connected at 12:08 to make it 2-2.

Dave DeRoche's tally with just over five minutes left in the game gave Tewksbury its third one-goal lead of the night.

That set the state for Gleason's equalizer at 11:28 of the third session.

Sophomore defenseman Mike

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Jack Whittbold (No. 3) moves in for the puck in action last Saturday at the Merrimack Valley Forum. Scott Trahan scored five goals for Chelmsford.



Brad Dunn (No. 6, foreground) of AHS flies alongside the boards.

Photos by Lisa Adelsberger

AHS ROUNDUP

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Anderson, freshman forward Bruce Brown, Mike Sheehy and Espinola handed out one assist each for Andover.

Johnson was busy in net as the Redmen enjoyed a 32-20 shots-on-goal advantage.

Brown was elevated from the JV team because Jon Ofria was sic (flu) and could not play.

"Almost everyone who played for us in that game had at least a touch of the flu," said coach Cullen.

Chelmsford 7
Andover 2

Scott Trahan of Chelmsford pumped in five goals, and the Golden Warriors were never in contention after falling behind 4-0 in the first period.

The Lions outshot AHS 17-3 in the pivotal opening stanza, while the locals held a 14-12 advantage in the final two periods and were only outscored 3-2 over the last 30 minutes.

The visitors were ahead 6-0 before junior forward Jason Swift put Andover on the board with his first goal at 13:15 of the second period. Senior forward Dave

Morin collected the lone assist.

In the final session, after Trahan netted his fifth goal of the game at 1:02, the Golden Warriors' Tim Sheehy produced his team-high fifth goal of the season at 10:30 with assists to twin brother Mike Sheehy and Keith Espinola.

Chelmsford finished with a 29-17 shots-on-goal advantage. Mike Johnson stopped 20 of the 27 shots he faced in the first 38 minutes, while junior Chris Salini finished up in the AHS net and made two saves.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

ANDOVER 129.275, BILLERICA 117.10
at Dunn Gymnasium

UNEVEN BARS: 1. Becky Hass (A) 8.8; 2. Bahaar Massihzadegan (A) 8.05; 3. Kaitlin Doyle (A) 7.6; 4. Noelle Bachand (B) 7.55. **Other AHS Scores:** Lindsey Rudolph 7.45; Corey Greene 6.55.

BALANCE BEAM: 1. Bachand (B) 8.55; 2. Leslie Nichols (A) 8.35; 3. Gretchen Fuhr (A) 8.025; 4. (tie) Rudolph (A) and Kate Gerry (A) 7.9. **Other AHS Score:** Beth Upton 6.85.

Vault: 1. Hass (A) 8.4; 2. Rudolph (A) 8.3; 3. Jenny Graham (B) 8.1; 4. Laurie Gladyszak (B) 7.85. **Other AHS Scores:** Mary Palumbo 7.6; Hillary Cohen 6.9; Loren Munro 6.7; Diana Vining 5.9.

FLOOR EXERCISE: 1. Rudolph (A) 9.0; 2. Kerri Krivelow (A) 8.8; Fuhr (A) 8.5; 4. Bachand (B) 8.4. **Other AHS Scores:** Tristina Carlson 7.7; Maureen Lothrop 7.4.

All-Around: 1. Lindsey Rudolph (A) 32.65; 2. Laurie Gladyszak (B) 30.15; 3. Jenny Graham (B) 27.90. **Records:** Andover 3-0, Billerica 1-2.

ANDOVER 134.40, MASCONOMET 134.30
at Dunn Gymnasium

UNEVEN BARS: 1. Caitlin Worth (M) 8.95; 2. Becky Hass (A) 8.9; 3. Casey Burgess (M) 8.8; 4. Laurie Willey (A) 8.6. **Other AHS Scores:** Kaitlin Doyle 7.4; Bahaar Massihzadegan 7.1; Lindsey Rudolph 7.0.

BALANCE BEAM: 1. (tie) Hass (A) and Heather Boepple (M) 9.0; 3. (tie) Burgess (M) and Willey (A) 8.7. **Other AHS Scores:**

Krit Kearins 8.4; Jackie Barry 8.0; Kerri Krivelow 7.4; Kate Gerry 6.8.

Vault: 1. Boepple (M) 9.0; 2. Hass (A) 8.7; 3. (tie) Kearins (A) and Rudolph (A) 8.4. **Other AHS Scores:** Gretchen Fuhr 8.1; Willey 8.0; Massihzadegan 8.0.

FLOOR EXERCISE: 1. Hass (A) and Boepple (M) 9.15; 3. Burgess (M) 8.8; 4. (tie) Rudolph (A), Worth (M) and Kristen Kilam (M) 8.7. **Other AHS Scores:** Willey 8.45; Massihzadegan 8.4; Krivelow 8.3; Kearins 8.0.

All-Around: 1. Becky Hass (A) 35.75; 2. Heather Boepple (M) 35.05; 3. Caitlin Worth (M) 34.10; 4. Laurie Willey (A) 33.75. **Record:** Masconomet Regional 2-1.

ANDOVER 132.45, CHELMSFORD 120.95
at Dunn Gymnasium

UNEVEN BARS: 1. Catherine Gardner (C) 9.1; 2. Laurie Willey (A) 8.6; 3. Becky Hass (A) 8.4; 4. Emily Hogan (C) 7.95. **Other AHS Score:** Bahaar Massihzadegan 7.65.

BALANCE BEAM: 1. CGardner (C) 8.8; 2. (tie) Willey (A) and Krit Kearins (A) 8.2; 4. Kerri Krivelow (A) 7.75. **Other AHS Scores:** Jackie Barry 7.65; Leslie Nichols 6.35.

Vault: 1. (tie) Massihzadegan (A) and Lauren Gardner (C) 8.5; 3. Hass (A) 8.45; 4. Gretchen Fuhr (A) 8.3.

FLOOR EXERCISE: 1. Hass (A) 9.35 (ties school record); 2. CGardner (C) 9.2; 3. (tie) Willey (A) and Lindsey Rudolph (A) 8.7. **Other AHS Scores:** Krivelow 8.45; Massihzadegan 8.2; Kearins 8.0.

All-Around: 1. Catherine Gardner (C) 35.20; 2. Becky Hass (A) 33.90; 3. Laurie Willey (A) 33.45; 4. Emily Hogan (C) 30.25. **Record:** Chelmsford 1-2.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

The Andover High girls gymnastics team slid into the driver's seat in the Merrimack Valley Conference following its dramatic 134.40 to 134.30 dual-meet squeeze past Masconomet Regional, and the locals improved to 3-0 with a 129.275 to 117.10 triumph over Billerica.

lerica.

Becky Hass had a spectacular meet against Masco, while Lindsey Rudolph grabbed all-around honors in a Billerica dual which also saw six AHS freshmen get their first taste of varsity competition.

Schedule

The Lady Warriors travel to Lowell (1-2)

tonight for an MVC dual, and are then idle until next Wednesday when they compete at Dracut (both 7 p.m. meets).

Injury report

Senior Capt. Laurie Willey skipped the Billerica meet while nursing a wrist injury suffered during warmups on the uneven bars.

Andover 134.40
Masconomet 134.30

The top two teams in the MVC went down to the wire in an exciting dual-meet showdown, with the Lady Warriors' superiority in the vault and floor exercise sparking the wafer-thin victory.

The Chieftains, in fact, thought they had pulled

out a 134.30 to 134.20 win until AHS coach Julie Chapman pointed out a scoring mistake to the judges.

"I knew the judges had made a mistake on Lindsey Rudolph's floor score and I questioned them on it," said Chapman. "The score was too low for her performance."

When tabulating Rudolph's score the judges forgot to add the B series part of her routine to the total.

"They realized their mistake and corrected it," said Chapman. "It was tough for the Masco girls who thought they had won. I felt bad for them — but you gotta do what you gotta do."

"We're totally psyched with the win because it's huge. We still have two tough hurdles to clear in North Andover and Methuen, but if we stay healthy we should beat them both by several points."

"Our girls really responded to the Masco challenge," continued Chapman. "They had scored 135 points in their first meet against North Andover, but I didn't think they would do it again."

"I knew we could go higher than the 132 we scored against Chelmsford — so we talked about raising our score a little and about Masco's score going down. And that's exactly what happened." The Lady Chieftain led by 0.5 halfway through the meet, following competition on the uneven bars and balance beam.

"But we smoked them with 8's across the board in both vault and floor," said Chapman.

Freshman sensation Becky Hass produced another eye-popping performance, winning the all-around with a 35.75 point total.

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AHS ROUNDUP

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She tied Masco's Heather Boepple for first place both in floor (9.15) and on beam (9.0), placed second on bars (8.9) and second in vault (8.7).

Senior Capt. Laurie Willey, battling the flu bug, was fourth all-around with a 33.75 that included a tie for third on beam (personal-best 8.7) and fourth on bars (8.6).

Junior Krit Kearins and Rudolph tied for third in vault (8.4), while Rudolph also tied for fourth in floor (8.7).

Others scoring well in the vault were sophomore Gretchen Fuhr (8.1), Willey (8.0) and freshman Bahaar Massihzadegan.

Contributing strong floor performances were Willey (8.45), Massihzadegan (8.4), senior Capt. Kerri Krivelow (8.3) and Kearins (8.0).

Other beam scores were an 8.4 by Kearins, 8.0 by freshman Jackie Barry, 7.4 by Krivelow and 6.8 by senior Capt. Kate Gerry (still nursing a minor injury).

On bars, sophomore Kaitlin Doyle had a personal-best 7.4, Massihzadegan 7.1 and Rudolph 7.0.

Top scorers for Masco were Boepple and Caitlin Worth.

Boepple was second all-around at 35.05, placing first in vault (9.0) and sharing first with Haas in floor and on beam.

Worth was tops on bars (8.95) and third all-around (34.10).

Andover 129.275

BillERICA 117.10

Lindsey Rudolph, the lone AHS all-around in the meet, won the title by 2 1/2 points with a 32.65.

She highlighted her performance with a personal-best winning score of 9.0 in floor exercise, while also placing second in the vault (8.3) and tying for fourth on balance beam (7.9). Rounding out the performance was a 7.45 on the uneven bars.

Becky Hass competed in two events and won them both, scoring 8.8 on the bars and 8.4 in vault.

Contributing strong second places for AHS were senior Capt. Kerri Krivelow, with a personal-best 8.8 in floor, Bahaar Massihzadegan 8.05 on bars and Leslie Nichols with an 8.35 on beam.

Gretchen Fuhr had a pair of third places in floor (8.5) and on beam (8.025), while Kaitlin Doyle finished third on bars (7.6).

Capt. Kate Gerry tied for fourth on beam (7.9).

Also competing for Andover were freshman Corey Greene on bars (6.55), sophomore Beth Upton on beam (6.85), freshman Tristina Carlson (7.7) and sophomore Maureen Lothrop (7.4) in floor.

Four freshmen getting their first taste of the action in vault were Mary Palumbo (7.6), Hilary Cohen (6.9), Loren Munro (6.1) and Diana Vining (5.9).

For BillERICA, Noelle Bachand placed first on beam (8.55) and Laurie Gladyszak was all-around runner-up (30.15).

BOYS SWIM & DIVE

The Andover/Central Catholic boys swim team, with double wins in both meets by Kevin Riley, moved to 2-2 on the season with a 98-76 victory over Haverhill and 105-78 loss to Chelmsford in recent Merrimack Valley Conference duals.

Luke Moskal (500-yard freestyle), Chris Beaulieu (100 backstroke) and Jim Russo (200 free) produced North Sectional cut times against Chelmsford.

Riley, Sean Krueger and Joe Flanagan have already qualified for the Sectional and State Meets in one or more events.

"The kids have stepped up and

done well in every meet," said second-year coach Mark Taffe. "We have several other kids knocking on the door for State cut times."

Schedule

Andover begins its second and final tour of the five-team league when it hosts Nashua tonight at the Greater Lawrence Tech pool (7:30 p.m.).

Andover/Central 98 Haverhill 76

The locals placed first in nine of the 12 events and had double wins from junior Jim Russo, senior Kevin Riley and senior Sean Krueger.

Russo won the 200-yard freestyle (2:02.48) and 500 free (5:31.20) races. Riley was tops in the 200 individual medley (2:01.89) and 100 butterfly (53.94), and Krueger first in the 50 free (23.95) and 100 free (53.20) sprints.

That trio was joined by freshman Justin Crocker on the winning 200 medley relay (1:51.87) and 400 free relay (3:41.09).

Junior Joe Flanagan added a victory in the 100 breaststroke (1:15.19).

Individual seconds for Andover/Central went to sophomore Luke Moskal in both the 200 IM (2:25.59) and 500 free (5:48.29), and Crocker in the 100 backstroke (1:01.50).

The 200 medley relay of sophomore Chris Beaulieu, Flanagan, Moskal and junior Rich Sheldon was runner-up (2:07.56), along with the 200 free relay of Beaulieu, sophomore George Gayl, Moskal and Sheldon (2:00.24).

Earning thirds were Flanagan (200 free, 2:22.59), Sheldon (50 free), Crocker (100 butterfly, 1:04.79) and Beaulieu (100 back, 1:13.14).

The 200 free relay of sophomore Calvin Leung, Capt. Sean Grosser, junior Tim Shank and James Paull also placed third (2:19.98).

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ROUNDUP

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Chelmsford 105 Andover/Central 78

Both teams came away with six first-place finishes, but the defending MVC champion Lions (3-2, 3-0 league) had superior depth and earned the majority of seconds and thirds.

Kevin Riley again won two events for the locals, capturing the 200 IM (2:01.30) and 100 breaststroke (1:04.32).

Other individual victors were Jim Russo (200 free, 1:57.95) and Sean Krueger (100 free, 51.85).

The 200 free relay of Rich Sheldon, Russo, Krueger and Riley tied for first (1:35.90), while the 400 free quartet of Sean Grosser, Chris Beaulieu, Sheldon and Luke Moskal touched first (4:47.24).

Capturing second places for Andover/Central were Justin Crocker (200 free, 1:59.44), Krueger (50 free, 23.50) and Moskal (500 free, 5:31.91).

Crocker, Russo, Riley and Krueger placed second in the 200 medley relay (1:44.09), while Tim Shank, James Paull, Peter Hughes and Calvin Leung were runners-up in the 400 free relay (5:42.97).

Earning individual third places for A/C were Rich Sheldon (50 free, 26.00) and Russo (100 butterfly, 1:03.10).

George Gayl continued to improve his one-meter diving, finishing fourth while scoring 103.40 points.

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200 MEDLEY RELAY: 1. Andover/Central (Justin Crocker, Kevin Riley, Sean Krueger & Jim Russo), 1:51.87; 2. Andover/Central (Chris Beaulieu, Joe Flanagan, Luke Moskal & Rich Sheldon), 2:07.56; 3. Haverhill.
200 FREE: 1. Russo (A/C) 2:02.48; 2. Ben Johnson (H); 3. Flanagan (A/C) 2:22.59
200 IM: 1. Riley (A/C) 2:01.89; 2. Moskal (A/C) 2:25.59; 3. Nick Begin (H).
50 FREE: 1. Krueger (A/C) 23.95; 2. John Dandurant (H); 3. Sheldon (A/C).
1-METER DIVING: 1. Eric Schena (H) 103.27 pts; 2. Pat Daniel (H); No third place.
100 BUTTERFLY: 1. Riley (A/C) 53.94; 2. C.J.

Cronin (H); 3. Crocker (A/C) 1:04.79
100 FREE: 1. Krueger (A/C) 53.20; 2. Dandurant (H); 3. Zack Taber (H).
500 FREE: 1. Russo (A/C) 5:31.20; 2. Moskal (A/C) 5:48.29; 3. Johnson (H).
200 FREE RELAY: 1. Haverhill (Cronin, Begin, Dandurant & Johnson), 1:47.99; 2. Andover/Central (Beaulieu, George Gayl, Moskal & Sheldon), 2:00.24; 3. Andover/Central (Calvin Leung, Sean Grosser, Tim Shank & James Paull), 2:19.98
100 BACKSTROKE: 1. Cronin (H) 58.31; 2. Crocker (A/C) 1:01.50; 3. Beaulieu (A/C) 1:13.14.
100 BREASTSTROKE: 1. Flanagan (A/C) 1:15.19; 2. Begin (H); 3. Scott Forrestall (H).
400 FREE RELAY: 1. Andover/Central (Russo, Riley, Crocker & Krueger), 3:41.09; 2. Haverhill; 3. Haverhill.

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From left, Douglas, Samantha, John, Tony, Jime, and David

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Dennis has been in the business since 1972, when he began working at Elfriede's hair salon after graduating from LaBarron's hairdresser school. He purchased Elfriede's 15 years ago and has been running his own shop since in the same location at 200

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To John K. Senee and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended: Aurora Loan Services, Inc. claiming to be the holder of a mortgage covering real property in North Andover, numbered as 84-86 Beverly Street given by John K. Senee to Mortgage Financial Services, Inc., dated October 31, 1996, and recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 4623, Page 155 and now held by the plaintiff by assignment has filed with said court a complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and exercise of power of sale.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should

file a written appearance and answer in said court at Boston on or before the 15th day of February, 1999, or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness, PETER W. KILBORN, Chief Justice of said Court this 31st day of December 1998.

Charles W. Trombly, Jr.
Recorder
January 14, 1999

**COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE
AND FAMILY COURT
DEPARTMENT
ESSEX DIVISION**

Docket No. 98P 3029-EP1

NOTICE

In the ESTATE OF FRANK K. SKELLY, otherwise known as FRANK J. SKELLY.

To all persons interested in the estate of FRANK K. SKELLY, otherwise known as FRANK J. SKELLY late of the County of Essex Date of Death, September 25, 1998.

A petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying that a certain instrument be probated purporting to be the last will of said deceased by JOHN J. DALY of Naples in the State of Florida, praying that he be appointed executor thereof, without giving a surety on his bond.

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IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Salem Probate Court 36 Federal St., Salem, MA 01970 BEFORE 10:00 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON February 8, 1999

Wills only: In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness, Edward J. Rockett, Esquire, First Justice of said Court. Date January 6, 1999

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate Court
January 14, 1999

TOWN OF ANDOVER



PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, January 26, 1999, at 7:30 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlett Street, on the application of the Raytheon Company for a Site Plan Special Permit to allow the construction of a 65,690 square foot one story addition to the existing Fabrication Building at the Raytheon Facility at 350 Lowell Street, more specifically identified as Parcel 3 (and eight contiguous parcels) on Assessors Map 155, the plans for which may be viewed in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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THE ANDOVER
PLANNING BOARD
Michael H. Miller, Esq.
Chairman
January 7 & 14, 1999

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 56 Ballardvale Road
Andover, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Ronald F. Hollander and Patricia K. Hollander to Arlington Trust Company dated December 11, 1985 and recorded with Essex County North Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 39115, as noted on Certificate of Title No. 8559, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on the 8th day of February, 1999, A.D. at 11:00 A.M. at or upon the mortgaged premises, 56 Ballardvale Road, Andover, Massachusetts, as described below, being all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

To wit:

A certain parcel of land situated in Andover in the County of Essex and said Commonwealth, bounded and described as follows:

SOUTHERLY: by land now or formerly of Ruth M. Jenkins as shown on plan hereinafter mentioned, one hundred seventy-four and 85/100 (174.85) feet;
SOUTHWESTERLY: by said Jenkins land by two lines, seventy-nine and 1/10 (79.1) feet and one hundred six (106) feet;
NORTHWESTERLY: by said Jenkins land by three lines, twenty-eight and 9/10 (28.9) feet, sixty-one (61) feet, and one hundred nine (109) feet;
NORTHEASTERLY: by Ballardvale Road on said plan by four lines, twelve (12) feet, seventy-six (76) feet, twenty-three (23) feet and twenty-nine and 76/100 (29.76) feet;
NORTHERLY: by Ballardvale Road by two lines, thirty-three and 50/100 (33.50) feet and twenty-three and 5/10 (23.5) feet; and
EASTERLY: by said Ballardvale Road by two lines, twenty-eight and 3/10 (28.3) feet, and seventy-nine and 5/10 (79.5) feet.

All of said boundaries are determined by the Court to be located as shown on Plan No. 4162K, drawn by Dana W. Clark, C.E., dated April 1939 as approved by the Court, filed in the Land Registration Office, a copy of a portion of which is filed with Certificate of Title No. 2424, Book 16, Page 497, and being designated as Lot 1D thereon.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all outstanding municipal or other public taxes, tax titles, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and existing encumbrances of record, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO/100 (\$5,000.00) must be paid by certified, bank, treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser as a deposit. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash, or by certified check, bank cashier's check or bank treasurer's check within 30 days thereafter at the Law Offices of Shapiro & Kreisman, Chiswick Park, 490 Boston Post Road, Sudbury, MA 01776 (978) 443-8800. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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PRESENT HOLDER OF SAID MORTGAGE
January 14, 21 & 28, 1999

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following is a list of properties in Andover that sold from October 5 to October 23.

1 Deborah J. Day Smith bought 67 High St. for \$370,000, from Susan K. Ickes.

2 Joseph A. Murphy, Jr. bought 102 Argilla Road, Lot 16, for \$250,000, from Constantine Giannakakis. The mortgage is with Family Bank FSB

3 MCG Realty Trust bought Unit 110, 22 Railroad St., for \$124,900, from Charles W. Hodges.

4 Charles W. Hodges bought 38 River Road for \$202,000, from Mark V. Doherty. The mortgage is with Interate National Mortgage.

5 Dorothy R. Sheehan bought Unit 511, 22 Railroad St., for \$149,000, from Shao Sun Chien. The mortgage is with Lexington Savings Bank.

6 Wendy E. Smith bought 1 Inwood Lane for \$420,000, from Kenneth D. Nusky. The mortgage is with Mortgage Financial Services Inc.

7 Marion Brock bought 15 Webster St. for \$205,000, from Kevin Daniels.

8 Scott R. Brink bought 4 Chapman Ave. for \$209,000, from Philip S. Cunningham. The mortgage is with PNC Mortgage Corp. of America.

9 John T. O'Hara bought 63 Central St. for \$700,000, from Celia S. Kutz Living Trust. The mortgage is with Assurance Mortgage Corp. of America.



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

This home, at 1 Inwood Lane, was recently sold for \$420,000.

10 Shirley A. Leoff bought Unit 8, Building Andover House, for \$130,000, from Esther Bushnell.

11 Francis X. Addonizio bought 7 Rindge Road for \$237,500, from David J. Iacobucci. The mortgage is with Savings Bank.

12 Mehrdad Laghaeian bought 28 Somerset Drive for \$537,317, from ATM Realty Corp. The mortgage is with Union Trust Mortgage Corp.

13 Richard F. Carey bought 11 Robandy Road for \$540,000, from Kathleen A. Doran. The mortgage is with Boston Federal Savings Bank.

14 Peter C. Pollini bought 23 Princeton Ave. for \$169,900, from Mary Skulski. The mortgage is with DeWolfe Mortgage Services Inc.

15 Todd Saunders bought 95 High St. for \$262,300, from High Street Realty Trust. The mortgage is with Norwest Bank of Colorado N.A.

16 Victoria A. Wacome bought Clark Road, Acorn Drive for \$323,186.02 from Fieldstone Meadows Development Corp. and Ruth Realty Trust.

Source: Essex County Registry of Deeds, Lawrence Branch.

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE
AND FAMILY COURT
DEPARTMENT
ESSEX DIVISION
Docket No. 98P2881-EP1
NOTICE**

In the ESTATE OF **MARY COLLINS**, otherwise known as **MARY A. COLLINS**.

To all persons interested in the estate of **MARY COLLINS**, otherwise known as **MARY A. COLLINS** late of the County of Essex Date of Death, September 10, 1998.

A petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying that a certain instrument be probated purporting to be the last will of said deceased by **PATRICIA L. TURNER** of North Andover in the County of Essex, praying that she be appointed executrix thereof, without giving sureties on her bond; and to the ATTORNEY GENERAL of said Commonwealth

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OP YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Salem, 36 Federal St., Salem, MA 01970 BEFORE 10:00 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON January 25, 1999.

Wills only: In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness, Edward J. Rockett, Esquire, First Justice of said Court. Date December 21, 1998.

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate Court
January 14, 1998

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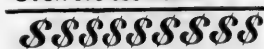
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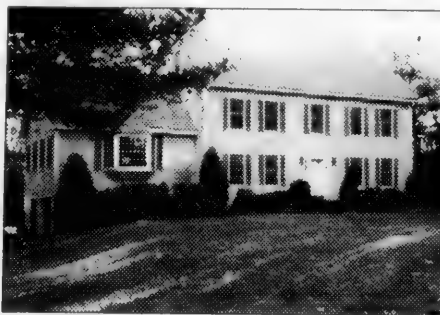
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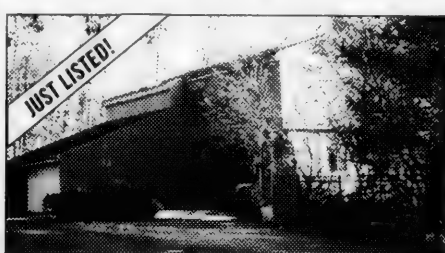
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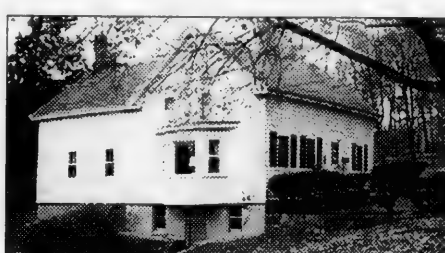
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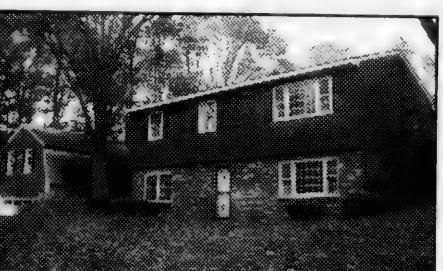
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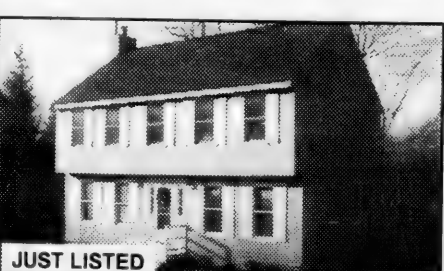
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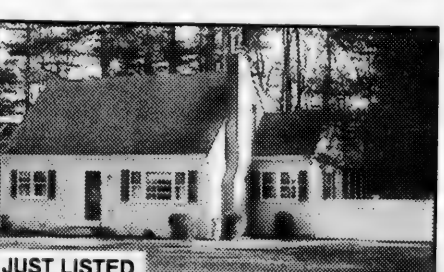
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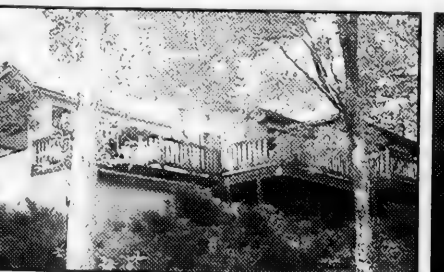
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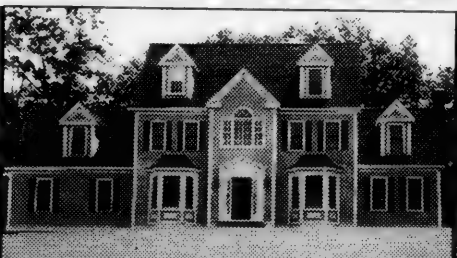
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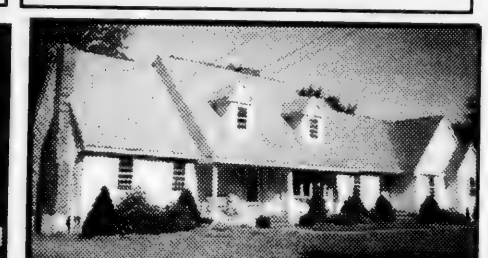
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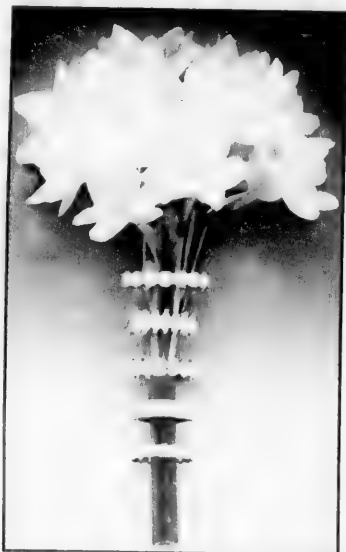
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KIDS



**To have fun this winter, what is there to do?
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What to do with the kids during the winter

By Karen Intravaia

Winter weather can play a big part in our outdoor activities. And when the temperature outside is plummeting, it sends everyone scurrying indoors to find activities to do with their children. Don't let the winter doldrums get you down, there are plenty of indoor activities to keep you and your children happy.

The first thing that comes to mind as a winter activity is probably not swimming. However, this is the perfect time of year to get your kids ready for summer and get their minds off the cold weather. Pool School Plus has openings this winter for swimming lessons. Pool School Plus is directed by Nanc Dumond and Lynn Tilley. Nanc started teaching swim lessons in 1988. She is certified by the American Red Cross as a Water Safety instructor, by the National Swim School Association as an infant/Toddler instructor, and is currently certified in CPR and First Aid. Lynn Tilley, also certified by NSSA as an infant/Toddler instructor, certified in CPR and First Aid and has been teaching and managing swim lessons since 1995.

"Drowning is the leading cause of death nationwide for children. So for safety reasons, swimming lessons make sense," said Tilley.

"Swimming lessons are great for safety and helps to get rid of any fears of the water the child may have. Swimming also helps to promote self-esteem and confidence. When a child is challenged and achieves something it gives them confidence and

On the cover:

Nanc Dumond with her School Pool Plus class. Photo by Karen Intravaia



Photo by Karen Intravaia

Nanc Dumond demonstrates a swimming stroke during a Pool School Plus swimming lesson.

affects other phases of their lives," said Dumond.

Tilley and Dumond suggested what to look for when choosing swimming lessons for your child. Parents should always be able to watch their child during swim lessons. Look for enthusiastic teachers and instructors who know the children's names. Make sure that your child is progressing in swim lessons. See that the swim instructors go in the

water with your child and are not out of the pool directing the lesson. Make sure that your child is not waiting for his turn for too long and that your child is in the water waiting for his/her turn. They also suggest that you enroll your child in a swim program that does not use swim "bubbles."

Keep in mind that the warmer the pool water, the

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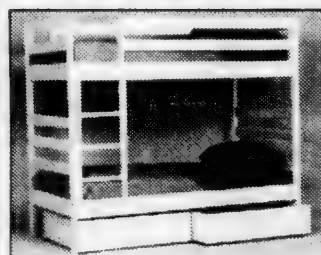
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happier the children. They also feel that children learn better when games are used to learn, rather than the "swim three laps" approach. When games and singing are used children will submerge themselves in the water without realizing it. The student/teacher ratio should be 4 to 1 for non-

swimmers and 6 to 1 for regular swimmers at a Red Cross Level 3. Pool School Plus employs 12 college students that are certified Water Safety instructors. Instructor Katie Schruender of North Andover has been an instructor for six years. When deciding whether to enroll your child in group or private lessons, Schruender said, "Private lessons are great

for older kids that are trying to perfect certain strokes. They are also good for people who only come every once and a while. Also for children that are handicapped, private lessons gives them the extra attention that they may need."

Most of the instructors feel that group lessons tend to be more fun. There is also peer pressure and the kids feed off of each other and that tends to push them to do more. It also gives the kids a break and they are not swimming continuously for 45 minutes. However, private lessons are great if there are not any peers in your child's swim ability. Also if your child has a fear of the water, private lessons are a great way to slowly introduce your child to the water. Bottom line is to know your child when deciding on group or private lessons.

Kathleen O'Neil of Groton has been an instructor for more than four years.

"We have such a good time with the kids. We are not just instructors to the kids; we become a buddy in the water. In the children's eyes we are fun people to play with in the water. The best part of teaching is working with all the other teachers we have," she said.

Veteran instructor, Amanda Bishop, of Tewksbury, has been teaching for six years. "Everything we do is encoded in a fun way. We get the kids to put their face in the water without even thinking about it."

Pool School Plus is looking to get back into the Andover area and wishes to start a backyard swim program this summer. They are looking for neighborhood pools and instructors will come to your house and teach group lessons. Currently, Pool



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Lynn Tilley holds float while pre-schoolers climb on to get a ride.

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School Plus is offering lessons at Therafit in Lowell. Lessons are taught in an oversized physical therapy pool that is heated to 91 degrees. A free workshop sponsored by The Mother Connection will be held on Thursday, Jan. 28, at 1:30 p.m. at Therafit in Lowell. For directions and enrollment questions, please call Nanc Dumond at (978) 851-5023 or Lynn Tilley at (978) 689-4288 or check out their web site at www.poolschool.org.

Ice-skating is a great family activity to do this winter. Take the whole family to Valley Forum at 654 S. Union St. in Lawrence. Public skating is offered on Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., excluding school vacation and holidays. For more information call (978) 557-5521.

Does your little one need to burn off some energy? A great place to run around and remember the days of not so long ago, at the playground is Perpetual Motion, located at 16 Haverhill St. in Andover. Complete with indoor swings, slides, ball pit, sandbox, and a merry-go-round, your child will not want to leave once you arrive. The hours of operation are 7 days a week, Monday, Tues., Wed. Fri. and Sat. 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sundays 12 to 5 p.m.; Thursdays 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$5.50 per child, children under 9 months are free as well as adults.

Beginning every four weeks, Arts and Crafts classes are held at Perpetual Motion for 2- and 3-year-olds. A Music and Puppet Show is being offer for any age on February 8 and March 15 at 10 a.m. The cost is \$9, for each class/show, which also includes admission to the facility.

Literacy begins at an early age and there is nothing quite like curling up with a book on a cold winter night. Stop by the Andover Memorial Hall Library and read some books to your children while you're there. The library has many programs this winter from story hours to film strips. Stop by to check out the busy schedule.

If you're looking for parent resources, The Mother Connection is located at the First Calvary Baptist Church at 586 Mass. Ave. in North Andover. Play Space and a Toy Coop are held on Tuesday and Friday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. For more information call (978) 470-1500.

The Merrimack Valley Chapter of F.E.M.A.L.E. (Formerly Employed Mother's at the Leading Edge) is another great resource. This is a great group for mothers and they plan many activities for the children, including organized playgroups, and family outings. For more information, call (978) 851-6644. Whether you decide to try swimming, skating, reading or playing indoors, it really doesn't matter as long as you stay active; winter can be a great season to look forward to.

What you can do if your teenagers have acne

(NAPSI) - Eighty-five percent or more of American teenagers today suffer from acne. For those who get more than just the occasional pimple, acne can leave more than physical scars. Studies have shown teenagers with moderate to severe acne feel frustrated, embarrassed, anxious, or lack self-confidence because of their complexion - impacting everything from classroom discussions and sports participation to dating and going out to eat.

As a parent, you can help your teenager deal with the agony of acne, and get them appropriate medical help. There are five steps for parents to follow when discussing acne with their teenager:

Step 1: Talk to your teenager about acne. This is the first step in helping them overcome the anxiety and social difficulties associated with this condition. Plan this talk when it is most convenient for you and your teenager. This should be a specific time that doesn't allow for interruptions, and in a private place away from probing siblings. Even though this discussion may be uncomfortable at first, communication is an important key in building trust between you and your teenager.

Step 2: Share your teenager's feelings and concerns. Provide your own "acne stories" from when you were a teenager, and let your teen know you understand their difficulty. Sharing experiences is encouraging and will bring the situation into a broader context.

Step 3: Avoid minimizing or dismissing the significance of the problem. Don't say "you'll grow out of it," because some teenagers don't. Another expression to avoid is "it's all a part of being a teenager," since treatment is available. Acne does not have to be viewed as an inevitable part of growing up.

Step 4: Reassure your teenager that there is effective medical treatment available which can achieve significant results. Various over-the-counter and prescription drugs are available for all skin types. In most cases, these products noticeably improve acne conditions.

Step 5: Seek help from a professional. If over-the-counter medications are not working, make an appointment for your teenager with a dermatologist.

Prescription medications which must be issued by a professional are available for moderate or severe acne. These are effective treatment options that will provide your teenager with the results they desire. Scarring that has already occurred can be treated with dermatologic surgical procedures.

It is important to let your teen know that they do not have to suffer from acne. The American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) is a valuable source of information on acne and its scarring, available treatment options and finding a dermatologist. Visit www.aad.org on the Internet or call 1-888-462-DERM.



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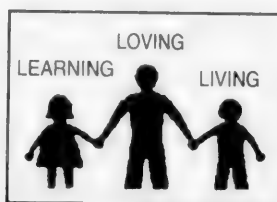
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The "Pioneering" course

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being launched on the playground, kids using compasses to plot courses, "reporters" interviewing other kids for their own newspaper and/or video, puppets on parade, kids "computerizing" their own

t-shirts, Richie's slushcart, freshly-popped popcorn at snacktime, and so much more.

This year the three independent sessions run from July 12-16, July 19-23, and July 26-30. Students may register for one or more sessions as desired. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis by mail.

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Helping the child who is expressing anger

(NAPSI) – When you hear about children killing other children, you may think, “I don’t know a single child who could do such a thing.”

Too often the daily news confirms that children and teens can be violent, even deadly. As parents, families, teachers and members of the community, what can we do to help cope with angry feelings from frustration to rage?

Some young people turn to violence because they do not see other ways to endure what they are feeling at that moment. They may not anticipate the repercussions of their violence.

These tips may help when you recognize a child who is withdrawing or exploding over everyday frustrations:

- Listen to what the child is saying about his or her feelings and be willing to talk about any subject. Young people today are dealing with adult problems such as love, sex, relationships, failure and rejection. Unfortunately, their minds and bodies simply are not ready for these stresses.

- Provide comfort and assurance. Tell the child that you care about his or her problems. Show confidence in his or her ability to tackle life’s ups and downs.

- Tell the child that everyone experiences anger. Tell him or her about the last time you felt really angry and how you dealt with that anger in a positive way.

- Encourage the child to shift gears-to spend some time doing things he or she really likes to do-playing sports, walking someone’s dog, or reading a book. A different activity can refocus thoughts and help alleviate some of the angry feelings.

- Teach basic problem-solving skills. When upsetting situations arise, the child who has practiced these skills will be more likely to think through the consequences of different actions and will, ultimately, make a better choice than violence.

- Look at how you handle your own anger. Are you setting a good example? Would you want to be imitated by a child who admires you?

- Acknowledge good behavior. When a child deals with his or her anger in a positive way, praise the positive choice. Take every opportunity to reinforce strengths. Build the child’s awareness of his or her own talents and abilities.

If none of these approaches seems to work, and the child stays angry or withdrawn for a long time, seek help. Talk to your family doctor or pediatrician. Together, you may decide that your child and family need help from someone with more mental health training.

Free information about children’s and adolescents’ mental health is available from the Caring for Every Child’s Mental Health: Communities Together public education campaign of the Center for Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Call 1-800-789-2647 or go to www.mentalhealth.org/child/ on the Internet.

Nurture by nature – become a better parent

(NAPSI) – “Nature or nurture?” is a question that often comes up when people discuss the best ways to parent.

How much of who we are happens because we’re born that way and how much because of how we’re raised?

A new book explains how it’s usually a little bit of both and shows how parents can best nurture by figuring out what a child’s nature really is.

The book *Nurture by Nature* (Little, Brown, \$16.95) is written by Paul D. Tiger and Barbara Barron-Tiger, who also wrote *Do What You Are*, a bestselling book about personality type.

Any parent with more than one child, say the

authors, is probably aware of how different from each other (and from their parents) children can be. What works with one child may be less effective with another child.

To help parents suit their nurturing style to the nature of the child, the book offers details on 16 different personality types, explaining how personality type might affect a child in preschool, school age and adolescence.

The book also shares the experiences of parents and shows how they have dealt with a wide variety of challenging situations. The challenges range from reining in a preschooler with boundless energy to understanding an adolescent who always loses things

to broadening the horizons of a child who resists trying anything new or unfamiliar.

If your child were a personality described as ENFP or extroverted, intuitive, feeling and perceiving, for example, that child might be exuberant and usually excited about new people and experiences. They might, however, also have trouble finishing things and live chaotic lives. With these children parents might be wise to offer a variety of physically challenging activities, engage their creativity in solving problems and make a game out of chores.

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"Your child's size, age, and curiosity can place he or she at risk," said David Oliver, director of community relations for Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse. "By utilizing simple safety products and making simple changes in your home you can dramatically reduce the chance of your child sustaining an injury."

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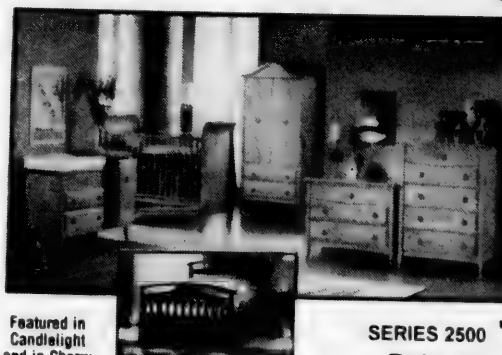
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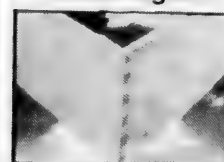


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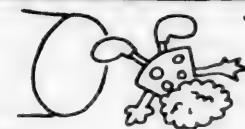
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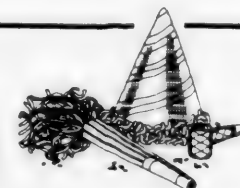


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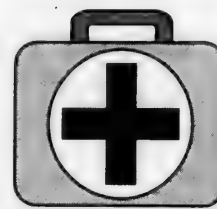
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Survey finds most children don't learn about First Aid until an incident occurs



If an incident arises that requires first aid, does your child know the right steps to take? In a recent survey of children and their caregivers, the majority of children said they are not taught about first aid until the time of injury. Likewise, the majority of caregivers (81 percent) said their child learns about first aid when an injury occurs.

The survey, completed by 3M, a leading, global manufacturer of Nexcare brand first aid products, asked children and their caregivers a similar set of questions about how and when to treat certain injuries and where children learn about first aid.

"It was surprising to learn that children are not taught about first aid until they hurt themselves," said Susan Wasserman, marketing operations manager, 3M Consumer and Professional Health Care. "If children were to learn proper first aid procedures prior to injury, they'd be better equipped to help themselves when they encounter a cut, scrape or bruise."

Both caregivers and children agreed the



responsibility of teaching first aid usually falls upon family members - especially mothers (57 percent of caregivers and 63 percent of children answered this way). However, fathers also are taking on this responsibility. Nearly one-third of children surveyed said their father is primarily responsible for teaching them about first aid. Eighteen percent of children said school personnel were responsible for first aid education.

When caregivers and children are asked to recall the first aid steps they typically follow when treating a minor injury, such as a scraped knee or cut, a similar sequence of events are mentioned by the two groups. The majority of caregivers (89 percent) cite "clean/wash" the injured area as one of the first steps that must be taken when treating a minor injury. A significantly lower percentage of children (52 percent) remembered this step. The majority of children in all age groups (6-10 years old) cite applying a "dressing" or bandage as one of the first steps in treating minor injuries.

The most popular products purchased by caregivers for the treatment of minor injuries are bandages and topical medications. More than two-thirds of caregivers said they have purchased first aid products designed especially for children. Most caregivers said within the past year, they had purchased child-specific

bandages (82 percent), specifically cartoon bandages (58 percent), colored bandages (18 percent), and glow-in-the-dark bandages (3 percent). Overwhelmingly, three-fourths of caregivers said they learned about first aid products from the media, primarily TV commercials (58 percent) and magazine advertisements (40 percent). They also mentioned store shelves and medical professionals as sources of first aid product knowledge. Children typically look to their parents, school and medical professionals as their source for information.

The study was conducted among more than 200 children (ages 6-10) and 104 caregivers (ages 18-65). The study was conducted nationally via telephone and participants were chosen at random. The caregiver portion of the survey has a margin of error of plus or minus eight percentage points. The child portion of the survey has a margin of error of plus or minus six percentage points.



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Kids and pets – a healthy combination

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For instance, many shy or withdrawn children are more likely to socialize with others and become more engaged when their pet is by their side. For naturally active children, pets can serve as a calming or soothing influence.

According to Dr. Alan Beck, director of Purdue University's Human Animal Bond Program, pets have a way of making all children feel safe, loved and worthwhile.

Why? Because they love unconditionally and "listen" with an uncritical ear ... always.

Pets as teachers

Children who own pets learn basic skills important to maintaining healthy relationships with others. Pets can give children a healthy dose of self-esteem, teach them about nurturing, and even provide them with emotional feedback. In fact, kids who share in caring for the family pet are often the first ones on the block to develop a good sense of responsibility.

Pets as medicine

Companion animals are widely used as aids in therapy. Health clinics around the country caring for autistic children use companion animals in one-on-one and group work. Therapists have found that after a few sessions these autistic kids' verbal and social responses improve dramatically.

Pets as best friends

A child's best security blanket besides a loving family can be a pet. Pets give love, are constant companions, and — perhaps best of all — can keep a secret! What's more, the family pet is nonjudgmental — no matter the situation.

Pets as siblings

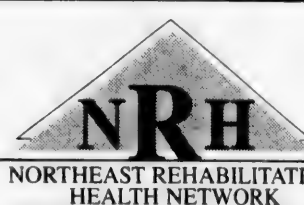
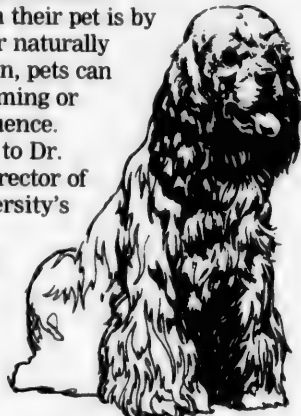
Pets, like siblings, have a knack for enhancing a child's social interaction both inside and outside the family. They also provide a focus for the entire family to engage in fun activities as a group and improve the parent-child bond.

While pets make a great addition to any family, parents considering bringing home a pet should educate the children about the responsibilities involved. Parents should facilitate the pet's integration and involve children in the pet's obedience training.



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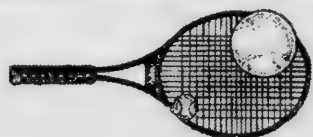
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To help parents learn more about newborns, here are some frequently asked questions, with answers by Dr. Klaus:

Q: How do I learn to recognize my baby's behavior?

A: It is important to understand that infant consciousness is classified in six different states based on an infant's degree of wakefulness: quiet sleep, active sleep, drowsiness, quiet alertness, active alertness and crying.

Q: When is the best time for me to interact with my baby?

A: The most rewarding state is the quiet alert state. Newborns spend only ten percent of every 24 hours in this highly receptive state — this time will provide the best opportunity for you to begin building a relationship with each other. During this

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Q: How well can my newborn see after she is born?

A: Sound and motion will attract a newborn's attention and stimulate the brain. Babies love to watch their parents' faces and will seek out high-contrast contours of the human face. Newborns are best able to see objects that are eight to ten inches away.

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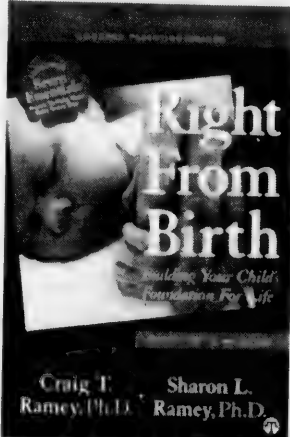
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7. Guide and limit behavior to keep your child safe and to teach what's acceptable, and what's not - the rules of being a cooperative, responsive and caring person.

In the book, the authors indicate that their formula for raising a child includes care, affection, guidance, play and lots of opportunities for children to learn by discovering, especially with caring adults.

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You can reduce asthma triggers in your home:

- Cover your child's mattress, pillows and box spring with an airtight vinyl or nylon case that zips shut.
- Remove carpets from your home, and use a damp mop to clean linoleum or wood floors. Use throw rugs that can be machine washed.
- Wash sheets, blankets and pillows, throw rugs and stuffed animals often, using hot water.
- Use pillows or comforters filled with polyester instead of feathers.
- Keep the humidity in your house

below 50 percent. Mold grows best in damp areas. You may have to use a dehumidifier or air conditioner.

- Wipe bathroom surfaces with a solution of bleach and water, and use bleach to clean in the basement and other damp areas to reduce mold and mildew. Try to keep fresh air flowing into these areas.

- Try to keep pets with fur or feathers out of your child's bedroom. If you have cats or dogs, shampoo and brush them often.

Using a peak flow meter

Your child's doctor will probably suggest that your child use a peak flow

meter every day. It measures how well air gets out of your child's lungs. A meter also helps tell you and your doctor how serious your child's asthma attack is.

To use the peak flow meter, your child should:

1. Move the indicator to the bottom of the numbered scale.
2. Stand up.
3. Take a deep breath.
4. Close his or her lips around the mouthpiece of the flow meter. The tongue should not go inside the tube.
5. Blow out as hard and fast as possible.

The indicator on the flow meter will move up. Write down the number where it stops. Repeat steps 1 through 5 two more times. Write down the highest of the three numbers.

Peak flow scores

Checking your child's peak flow measurements will help you and your doctor monitor how well your child's asthma is being controlled.

For a free copy of the brochure "Asthma: Learning to Control Your Symptoms," send a business-size SASE to the American Academy of Family Physicians, c/o Department Asthma, Box 19326, Lenexa, KS 66285-9326.



New vaccines to protect children

By Redbook, a Hearst Magazine
For AP Special Features

There is a new vaccine for one of the infections that cause ear infections, wrote Shannon Brownlee in an article in the January issue of Redbook, and it will be available in your pediatrician's office as early as next fall.

There are about 7 million cases of otitis media in the United States each year. That is a lot of unhappy youngsters, not to mention about \$3 billion to \$4 billion in medical costs. What's more, this is just one of a raft of new and improved vaccines that will protect children against everything from ear infections and the flu to meningitis.

Unfortunately, these new drugs are also arriving at a time when more parents are deciding not to get their children vaccinated, believing without much evidence that immunizations cause more harm than good. Parents who claim their children had adverse reactions have become a staple of daytime talk shows. Yet for any well-established vaccine, the risks of serious complications are a thousand-fold less than the danger the disease poses to children, says Neil A. Halsey, M.D., director of the Institute

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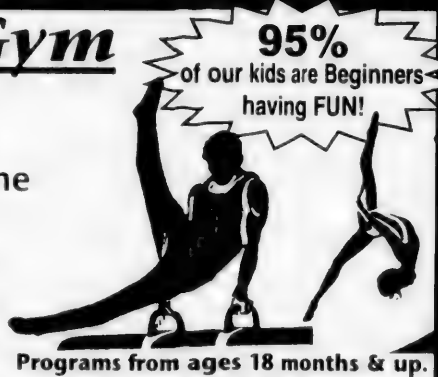
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Jaundice is a common and treatable problem for babies

By Dr Martin Caprio, New York University School of Medicine
For AP Special Features

A jaundiced newborn may panic parents, but the condition, common in infants, is usually no cause for concern.

An estimated 60 percent of full-term infants develop physiologic jaundice – a yellowing of the skin on the second or third day after birth, but the condition usually disappears after a week or so. About 80 percent of babies delivered prematurely develop jaundice between the fifth and seventh days after birth. This, too, disappears within a two-month period.

Jaundice develops in a healthy baby when the blood contains an excess amount of bilirubin, a pigment that is produced during the normal breakdown of old red blood cells. Newborns tend to have higher levels of the substance because they have extra oxygen-carrying red blood cells and their young livers can't metabolize the excess bilirubin.

Elevated bilirubin readings can occur for other reasons, too, including breast-feeding, bruising during hard labor and delivery, maternal diabetes and, commonly, blood group incompatibility. When bilirubin levels rise above normal, the yellowing of the

skin moves downward from head to neck to chest until, in severe cases, it finally reaches the toes.

Jaundice is easily treatable. But without treatment, a prolonged, extremely elevated level of bilirubin can cause damage to the infant's nervous system.

Tests by a pediatrician will determine the level of bilirubin buildup, and determine whether treatment is necessary. Sometimes, a physician may recommend that the mother stop breast-feeding for 24 to 48 hours to lower her baby's bilirubin levels. But this measure is only taken when absolutely necessary since maternal milk during the first several days provides important immune properties for the infant and is crucial to stimulate the mother's milk supply.

The usual treatment for physiologic jaundice is phototherapy, a process in which infants are exposed for a few days to blue, florescent-type lights that break down excess bilirubin so that it can be excreted through the baby's urine. Most cases of infant jaundice clear up without any kind of medical intervention at all. But if the parents have any doubts, a check with the family doctor can make sure they are taking the right steps to get their child back in the pink.

Fun ways for children to learn fire safety

(NAPSI) – A friendly hound with a firefighter's helmet may be top dog when it comes to teaching young people about fire safety.

A new web site from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) features Sparky the Fire Dog, the association's mascot, plus information about fire trucks, safety, Dalmatians and more.

Youngsters ages 6 to 9 and their families can design their own fireworks display or take a virtual walk through a fire truck gallery.

"With so many web sites to choose from these days, it's tough to compete for the attention of young children," said NFPA's Meri-K Appy. "By combining creativity and a little humor with the latest technologies, our hope is that the Sparky web site will capture kids' attention, hold their interest, and make them a little safer in the process."

The web site, www.sparky.org, contains four major categories that children can choose from: Sparky, fire trucks, fireworks and Dalmatians. Here are highlights of the site:

- In the Sparky section, kids can

read "The Story of Sparky the Fire Dog" and find out how the lonely little Dalmatian grew up to be the NFPA mascot.

- Play "Help Sparky Out" – a game that teaches kids the importance of planning and practicing their escape from a house, apartment and school in case of a fire.

- Play "Get Out of the Way" – an interactive game designed for young kids who like the horns and sirens on a fire truck.

- Play "Spot the Dalmatians" – an interactive game that challenges children to find a family of

Dalmatians hidden in a black and white maze.

- Learn "All About Dalmatians," with bits of trivia and fun facts.

- See "Kid Pictures" and drawings of Dalmatians and submit a drawing for possible posting.

- "Ask Sparky" questions about fire and safety issues and learn Sparky's safety tip of the week.

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Don't let bed-wetting affect your child's self-esteem

(NAPSA) - There are five to seven million children in the U.S. who still wet their beds past the age of six. They suffer from primary nocturnal enuresis (PNE), more commonly known as bed-wetting.

Besides putting an extra strain on the entire family, bed-wetting can cause embarrassment and shame, hindering proper social development for the children who suffer from it.

Most families understand bed-wetting for what it is - unintended and unwanted - in short an accident. Unfortunately, up to 35 percent of the children who wet the bed are punished, which can compound the self-esteem problem.

Until this year, 13-year-old Bobby never went on sleepovers at friends' houses because he wet the bed and was afraid his friends would make fun of him. His brothers did.

"I felt my whole family thought there was something wrong with me," said Bobby.

Bobby's brothers didn't like going into his room because it smelled, so they teased him. His mother did not punish him because she too had wet the bed as a child.

Research indicates bed-wetting runs in families. If both parents have a history of bed-wetting, the child has a 77 percent chance of wetting the bed. If only one parent wet the bed, the child has a 44 percent chance.

Another reason may be hormonal. Some studies suggest that insufficient nighttime quantities of the antidiuretic hormone (ADH) may be the culprit. Normally these levels rise at night and reduce urine production. Bed-wetting may also be caused by a urinary tract infection.

Some celebrities have joined in the effort to demystify bed-wetting. In fact, baseball star Mark McGwire recently teamed up with the National Kidney Foundation for a public service announcement about the condition.

"The biggest misconception about bed-wetting is that it's a form of rebellious behavior," explains Lori Semel, M.D., a board-certified pediatrician practicing in New York. "Parents must understand that the child is not wetting due to anger or to be spiteful. The child does not have any control over this condition. The good news is that there are a variety of treatments for children."

Motivational therapies are a popular first step in treatment. Positive reinforcements such as praise or rewards for staying dry can help improve self image.

However parents should reward a child for complying with the treatment method chosen, not necessarily for dry nights.

Changing a child's routine may also help. Parents may wish to limit

beverages after dinner and remind the child to go to the bathroom before bedtime.

Bed-wetting alarm devices teach a child to wake upon sensing a full bladder. A sensor triggers an alarm that wakes the child at the first sign of wetness.

Behavioral modification and alarms may take months before producing positive results, and they require both parental and patient motivation.

Drug therapy is also used to treat bed-wetting. These treatments are characterized by their rapid onset, with patients often responding within the first two weeks of treatment.

With the right treatment, children who wet the bed can enjoy sleepovers, family vacations and holidays with grandma.

For more information about bed-wetting and treatment options, visit an educational web site at <http://www.drynights.com>.

Bedwetting do's and don'ts

Do:

- If you wet the bed as a child, share your experience. Make sure your child understands that bed-wetting may be hereditary. This can ease your child's anxiety and help your child cope with the condition.

- Try to change your child's habits. Encourage your child to urinate before going to bed and to avoid food and drinks containing caffeine, which can increase the output of urine.

- Discuss available treatments with your physician.

Don't:

- Don't punish or belittle your child as it only adds to the child's embarrassment. Support your child by offering encouraging words.

- Try not to reward your child for simply achieving dry nights. Instead reward your child for compliance with the treatment program you've chosen.

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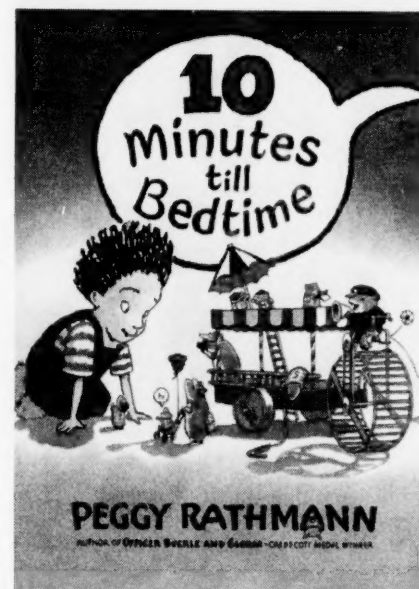
Getting kids to bed

Warmth, chaos and hilarity are unleashed in a new children's book about bedtime delays.

(NAPS) — Bedtime delays, familiar to many parents, are the subject of Peggy Rathmann's delightful new book, *10 Minutes Till Bedtime* (G.P. Putnam, \$16.99).

At 1 Hoppin Place, the count down to bedtime is about to begin when a family of hamsters, a mother and father with nine kids and a baby all wearing their numbered striped jerseys, arrive at the front door.

Critics say that what happens next will delight children and adults as the simple routine leading to bedtime is complicated by the participation of dozens of furry spectators. Younger readers shouldn't need much prompting to follow their favorite numbered hamster from one brightly colored spread to the next. The time it will take to examine each of the hamsters' activities undoubtedly will make for

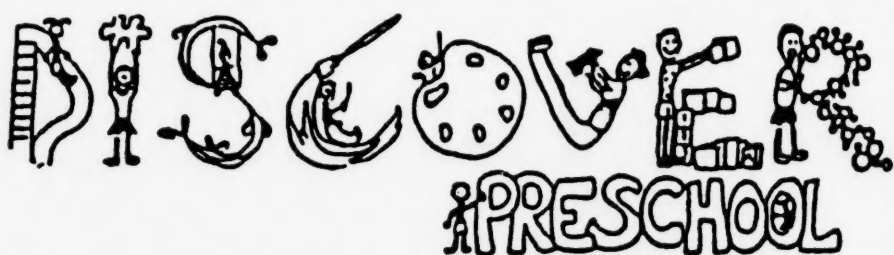


bedtime delays all of its own.

Her first book since the Caldecott Medal-winning *Officer Buckle and Gloria*, Ms. Rathmann proves again her uncanny ability to put herself in the minds of children, bringing forth what most appeals to them. In *10 Minutes Till Bedtime*, a child's desire to find an excuse not to go to bed (and what better excuse than a gaggle of vacationing ham-

sters arriving at the door?) is coupled with warmth, chaos and hilarity, as even the youngest child will recognize that some things are simply not within an adult's control.

Critics report that Ms. Rathmann's bright, bouncy and whimsical illustrations should help to make *10 Minutes Till Bedtime* the newest entry to the long canon of superb bedtime stories for children.



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New vaccines to protect children

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for Vaccine Safety at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. Even illnesses such as diphtheria and measles, now rare in the United States, are still common in the developing world, he says, and an outbreak in this country is "a plane ride away." Parents need only be reminded of the pre-vaccine mortality rates from childhood illnesses like smallpox, diphtheria and measles to realize that "vaccines are the most remarkable public health success story of this century."

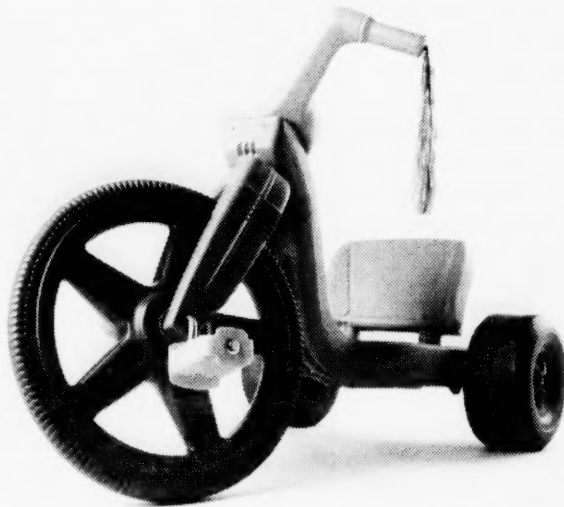
The vaccine that pediatricians are already cheering about is aimed at a bug known as *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, which causes 40 percent of all ear infections. "This is a major advance," says Jerome

Klein, M.D., professor of pediatrics at Boston University School of Medicine is an expert in pneumococcal diseases. In addition to ear infections, pneumococcus causes pneumonia, bacteremia (blood poisoning), and bacterial meningitis, diseases that kill 1.2 million children under the age of 5 each year worldwide. For children under age 2 in this country, there are 1,500 cases of pneumococcal meningitis each year, about 20 percent of them fatal, and 9,000 cases of bacteremia. Many who survive bacterial meningitis are left with lifelong disabilities including paralysis, brain damage, blindness, and deafness. Even ear infections, while not life-threatening, should be taken very seriously: Otitis media is responsible for 30 million visits to the pediatrician a year, and in some children, repeated ear infections can impair hearing, delay speech, and cause learning disabilities.

Doctors are hoping that the vaccine, which has proven 100 percent effective in preventing meningitis and bacteremia will also be effective against ear infections and pneumonia, though the results are not yet in. Henry Shinefield, M.D., co-director of Kaiser Permanente's vaccine study center, which conducted a clinical trial involving 38,000 children, says the researchers are evaluating the data right now.

"I'm very hopeful," he says. If the vaccine is able to stop even a fraction of ear infections, it will help break a vicious cycle in which the overuse of antibiotics produces more powerful and dangerous bacteria that are resistant to all but the most powerful and expensive antibiotics. In many Southeastern states, according to a recent study, as many as 61 percent of pneumococcal disease cases were resistant to the most common antibiotics.

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